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THE
ISLE OF MAN:
OR,
The Legall Proceeding
in Man-shire against
SIN.

Whercin, by way of a continued Allegory, the chief Malefactors disturbing both Church & Common-wealth, are Detected and Attached; with their Arraignment and Judicial Trial, according to the Laws of *England*.

The spirituall use thereof; With an Apology for the manner of handling, most necessary to be first read for direction in the right use of the Allegory throughout, is added in the end.

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TO THE
Right VVorshipful

Sir THOMAS THINNE

*Knight, and to his Religiously
affected Lady, the Lady*

KATHERINE THINNE.

All saving Graces in the blessed
way unto eternal comforts
are unfainedly wished.

Right Worshopful,



Ince your depar-
ture, and now re-
turn to Longleate,
(where the poore

feel your mercies in set times
of relief, and daily alms, and
your Tenants and common
Neighbouring Inhabitants
good entertainment at the
general time of great house-
keeping) it was my hap to tra-

A 2 vell

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well into and throughout the whole *Iſle of Man*: now it is uſual with all travellers to diſcourſe of their journeying, and to relate their obſervations. And therefore let none object and ſay unto me that of *Perſius*, *Scire tuum nihil eſt, niſi te ſcire hoc ſciat alter*: For I found good in my pains taking; and *bonum* is *communicativum* & *ſui diffuſivum*, and ſo *quo communius, eò melius*. In my very entrance, and afterwards every where I found written that old ancient precept, *Noſce teipſum*. This leſſon I began to take out with diligent obſervation. And it brought to my minde the Apoſtles charge, *Quiſque exploret ſeipſum*; which I laboured to put in practice, and ſo ſought my ſelfe in my ſelf; For I remem-
bred

γινώσκει
αὐτὸν.

The ſcope
of this
book for
one to ſee
and know
himſelf.

Dedicatory.

breed that saying long since
learned, *Orbis quisque sibi, nec
te quasiveris extra.* Thus my
travel became very profita-
ble to me; and the variety of
sights withall procured de-
light, and turned my paines
into pleasure.

In my travelling I came to
the County Town or chief-
est Seat there, called *Soul*;
where I rested for some time,
because it fell out to bee the
Assize week for al that Island;
Where I especially marked
how in all things they proce-
ded against Malefactors ac-
cording to the Laws of Eng-
land: In this onely lyeth the
difference; there is never but
one Judge, whereas we have
ever two appointed in every
Circuit, as we have now in
this Westerne, very honora-

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ble and religious Judges, *quos honoris causa, non possum non nominare.* Sir *Fohn Walter*, Lord Chief Baron, and Sir *Fohn Denham*, another worthy Baron of the Exchequer, lovers of Vertue and Justice.

And indeed, such ought Judges to bee, as was and is this Judge in *Man*. Hee is a Judge of *Fethroes* choice, and *verax, & Dei timens, osor turpis lucri.* Hee is divinely given, prudent, impartial, and very quick (upon good information) in dispatch of Causes. He was worthily attended, as hee ought ever to bee, with a worthy Sheriffe, with Justices of Peace, Knights and Esquires, Gentlemen of singular note and fame in that Country. This I heard of them, and it appeared

Exod. i. 18

Dedictory.

red by their practice that they all stand for the maintenance of the Laws, they see their Sovereign wel served, Justice duly observed, and judgement executed accordingly.

They never side with any, for they hate faction: Pride and Envy, two restless make-bates, who for notorious misdemeanour, I saw bound to the good behaviour. So as now there is a *Cesar-like* spirit, *patitur superiorem*, and a *Pompey sumum parem*. They run all one course, and as true Israelites, *quasi vir unus*, for publick good. Therefore do the people live in peace, the Land prospereth, Justice flourisheth, vertue is exalted, vice suppressed, and the enemies at home and abroad made to fear.

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The whole discourse of this excellent order, and careful proceedings there by me observed, from my first entrance unto the end, I am bold here to present unto your Worships, whom I have now found diligent Readers of holy Scripture, addicted to private prayer, besides set form for the whole family, to bee entertainers of the Preachers of Gods Word, giving freely to such Benefices as they hap to be void, not being seduced by mens offering large sums to procure Advousons aforehand, as too many Patrons be in these daies. Now the Lord God Almighty hearten you on, unto these things more and more, and to every other good grace, that may lively demonstrate to the world the power

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power of saving knowledge,
in the use of Gods abundant
earthly blessings, so largely
bestowed upon you, with
which earnest prayer unto
God for you, and for a blessing
upon these my endeavours
to further the same, I
humbly take leave,

Your Worships in all

Christian services,

at command,

RICHARD BERNARD.

Batcombe May 21..

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THE
AUTHORS
Earnest Requests.

FIRST, to the Worthy Reader, *whosoever*, to whom let me but say thus much of this Discourse and allegorical narration, that in it, *sunt bona, sunt quædam mediocria, sunt mala nulla*, yet if any thing may seem distasteful, let thy minde be to take it well, as Cæsar was to interpret well the seeming offensive carriage of one Accius the Poet toward him, and thou wilt not be displeased. Thy good minde wil prevent the taking of an offence where none is intended to be given. In discovery, attaching, arraigning and condemning of sin, I tax the Vice, and not any mans person; so as I may say with one,

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Hunc servare modum nostri
novere libelli,

Parcere personis, dicere de vitiis.

Old man.
Madam:
Heart.

Thou hast here towards the end of this discourse the trial and judgement upon four notorious Malefactors. Two of them the very prime Authors of all the open rebellion, or secret conspiracies, which at any time ever were in that Island. The other two were the principal Abettors, and the chiefest supporters of them. Their names, their natures, & their mischievous practices, thou maiest find at large in the narration

There should have been at that Assizes with these, the arraignment of certain suspected Witches; but this was prevented, because the Grand Jury Gentlemen could not agree to bring in their Billa vera: for that they made question of divers points, whereof they could not be resolved at that present.

What to
be consi-
dered be-
fore men
come in
with a
verdict

I Whether the afflicted did suffer by only some violent diseases in nature, producing strange effects like practices of Witchcraft; which for

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want of a judicious Physician they could not discern.

2 Whether the afflicted were a counterfeit, as was one Marwood, the Boy of Bilson, and one Mary Brosier? or that hee or shee having some natural disease, did make use thereof, and counterfeited the rest, as one Mainy did, who was troubled with the hysteric passion.

3 Whether being a disease supernatural, yet might come upon the afflicted by the operation of the devil, without the association of a Witch, as it happened to Job, and others in the Evangelists? or that the afflicted hath a devil, and is a Witch, and hath by his or her own wayes brought this evil upon him or her, without the practice of any other Witch?

4 Whether they might proceed upon meer presumptions against the suspected, or rather stay til they had more certain and grounded proofs.

5 Whether they could (none of them being read in any learned Tractates touching the practices

against
supposed
Witches.
See Doctor
Cotta his
trial of
Witches.

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of Witches) rightly examin the suspected, to find out a Witch, and so to bring him or her deservedly under the power of Authority?

Request
to Grand
Jury-men
touching
my Book
of Wit-
ches.

The sum
of that
Book.

There is now come forth by the leave of Authority, A Guide to Grand Jurymen in cases of witchcraft, my suit is, that they would be pleased to accept of my wel meaning therein. In which, all these points before are fully handled, as also. That there are Witches; who are most subject to bee made Witches; how they prepare themselves for the Devil: how Satan draweth them to a league, and becommeth familiar with them. That there are good Witches, and the signs to know them That there are bad Witches, and how they practise, and what it is that they can do, and how many things must concur in bewitching. What are the signs to know one to be bewitched. That Witches may be detected. What are strong presumptions of a Witch. What are the certain evidences against

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against such an one. How
thoroughly to examine a Witch;
With many other particulars set
forth in twenty eight distinct Chap-
ters, fully, and yet with great bre-
vity. The death of five brethren and
sisters lately condemned and execu-
ted for Witches, one more yet re-
maining, formerly brought before
a Judge, and now in danger to bee
questioned again, hath moved me to
take this pains; not to prevent Ju-
stice, nor to hinder legal proceed-
ings; but that I may not be mista-
ken nor wronged, as I was once; and
more should have been, had not the
wisdom and goodness of so reve-
rend a Judge accepted graciously of
my upright Apology against vain
Accusers.

Judge
Denham.

I made a Petition then to my
Lord the Judge, to the worthy then
M. Sheriffe, and to all the Worship-
ful of the Bench then present,
which I am bold to renew again
more publickly, and that now this
13th time, because it pleased that
reverend Judge so well to like ther-
of,

Si Ro-
bert Phi-
lips.

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of, and to second it, and is wished of many to finde some good effect at the length.

Request to
the Judges
the Sheriff
& Iustices
for spiritu-
al food to
poor Pri-
soners.

The state of poor prisoners is well known, and how their soules safety is neglected; and yet our Saviour gave such a testimony to a penitent thief, as he never gave to any mortal man else, for hee told him that hee should bee that day with him in Paradise.

How blessed a work would it be to have maintenance raised for a learned, godly and grave Divine, that might attend to instruct them daily, Twelve-pence a quarter of one Parish with another in our County, would encourage some compassionate holy man therunto: And what is this? Not a mite out of every mans purse to save souls.

The bene-
fit of cr-
ding Priso-
ners on
work.

If with this instruction there should be means to set them also on worke, they might get somewhat for food, for raiment. They might so prevent the miserable fruits of sloth, their mindes would be imploied, their bodies be preserved in health,

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health, and not pine away, and bee consumed with vermine. Yea, enforced-labour there, would terrifie loose vagrants, and lazy wanderers and the idle rout, from turning theeves, more than either imprisonment or death hitherto hath done. And besides, such as should escape, would by this heavenly means of instruction, and bodily labour, become, through Gods mercies, more profitable members in the Commonweal afterwards; whereas now they become twice more the children of Belial, than they were before.

Oh, let me be bold earnestly to beseech you, and in all humility to crave your merciful and tender bowels of compassion towards them.

And first of you (right Honorable my Lords the Judges) who sit as Gods among men to give judgement upon this so wretched, and so miserable a generation of mankind, that if they dye, they may be more ready with all patience and submission of spirit, to receive their
just

Sir Iohn
Walter
Lord chief
Baron.
Sir Iohn
Denham.

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just reward, and your doome of death upon them, or if they bee acquitted and so live, they may learn afterwards to live the life of good Christians, and so make a good use of their deliverance. And would not this rejoyce your hearts, to forward such a work, when your Lordships do know that the blessed Angels do rejoyce at the conversion of sinners?

Mr. Syme.

Next of you (worthy Master Sheriffe) under whose wisdom, religious affection, tender mercies, and powerful habilities, the Prison, and the prisoners be for the time present. Shall not this worke set forward by you bee unto you an everlasting remembrance?

Then of all you (right Worshipful the worthy Justices of our Country) by whose authority these offenders are sent unto prison. Oh that it might not displease you, to hear me calling upon you by name, who, I hope, are well-minded to such a blessed and charitable work. Yee deservedly honored Knights,

Sir

to the Reader.

Sir George Speak, Sir John Stowel, Sir Francis Popham, Sir Henry Barkly, Sir John Windham, Sir John Horner, Sir Edward Rodney, and Sir Robert George; And may I not here also name the worthily esteemed of their Country though not at this present in Commission with you, Sir Ralph Hopton, Sir Robert Philips, Sir Charles Barkly, and Sir Edward Barkly? All to bee graciously pleased to commiserate their lamentable case, and to help forward this work of piety and pity towards prisoners?

O yee other Worthies of your Country, no lesse generously affected, John Powlet, Robert Hopton, Edward Rogers, George Lutterel, John May, Francis Barber, Robert Cuffe, Thomas Bretton, John Coales, Willam Francis, Rice Davys, Thomas Windham, John Harrington, John Harbin, William Capel, and Anthony Stocker, Esquires; Let the bowels of compassion com-
passe

If I mistake
your p'aces,
I pray
you pardon mee.

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pasſe you about, that you may effect this ſo good a deed, and be honour- ed for ever in bringing to paſſe ſo rare a charity.

The work ſurely would bleſſe you all. Alas, the priſon now is a very picture of Hell, and (more is the pitty) as the caſe now ſtands, is no leſſe than a preparative there- to, for want of daily inſtruction. It would bee by a faithſul Mini- ſtry, and bodily employment of them, a houſe of Correction, with inſtruction, and ſo happily the way of life. Then might charity quicken up juſtice to ſend offenders obſti- nately perſiſting in evil, and ab- ſin-ſing their liberty, unto priſon, in good hope of their reformation. The loſſe of their corporal liberty, might through Gods mercy, then gain them ſpiritual freedom: Health by labour would be preſer- ved, and their ſouls by wholeſome inſtruction ſaved.

The Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, perſwade your well-diſpoſed hearts to ſuch an unbegun work a-
mong

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mong so many deeds very famous
in this renowned Nation. The Spi-
rit of the Lord God of heaven and
earth rest upon you to cause you to
affect this, and in time to effect the
same, by stirring up the Country
and by your own mercies in your
life times, you giving, and at your
death bequeathing something
thereunto. Even so be it, and the
Lord God Almighty be with you
all herein, Amen.

My Suit is to every Keeper of a
Prison, if they be no kin to Master
Newman, the Goaler in this Dis-
course, that yet they would take ac-
quaintance of him, and become bet-
ter known to him. That their priso-
ners may by their vertues and re-
ligious care be better disposed.

My request to poor prisoners is,
to redeem their time ill spent, to cal
to God for mercy and pardon; and
to move them hereunto, let them in
serious meditation put themselves
in minde of these things.

¶ That their liberty abused,
God hath by the hand of authority
taken

Request
to the
Keepers
of Prisons.

Request
to the poor
Prisoners.

Meditati-
on for
them
while they
lye in
Goal.

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taken from them, as unworthy to live freely in a Commonwealth.

2 That as they neglected & despised Spiritual means of salvation, they are now deprived thereof.

3 That as before they delighted only with wicked company, now are they shut up one with another together.

4 That their rags are ensignes to them of their ragged condition.

5 That their filth and vermine telleth them of their filthy conversation, and their many sins and corruptions.

6 That their want of food is a punishment for such of them, as have abused Gods blessings to gluttony, drunkennesse, and the fruits thereof, wantonnesse, & filthy uncleannesse.

7 That their prison is as it were a picture of hell, to minde them of their end, whether they are going if they do not amend.

8 That their expecting of the Assizes, is an instruction to look for Jesus, the Judge of all the world.

9 That their chains, fetters, and bolts, teach them to consider the nature of their sins, which hold them

bound

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bound to answer at the bar of Gods justice. 10. That their desire of life by a Psalm of mercy should move them to desire eternal life, through the mercies of God in Jesus Christ, who will be gracious to every true, beleeving penitent; which graces (poor prisoners) God send you; and fear only to dye eternally.

Before I end, I have a suit to all that professe the Law, that if in this Allegory, fetched from such terms as be better known to them, than to my self, I do mistake, they would be pleased to passe over that, and make use with me of the spiritual sence, which is the drift of my labour herein. And so at length I take leave, with my prayer to God for the peace of Jerusalem, and for a prosperous successe to all that love the Israel of God with our Countries glory and safety, Amen.

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MAN-SHIRE.

Lament. 3. 40.

Let us search and try our waies.

 HE Lamenting
Prophet JEREMY
in his dayes full of
lamentation, and
mourning, seeing and also par-
taking with others of those
miseries which beset the state
of the Jewes, justly procured
at Gods hands for their sins,
B doth

doth here give them advice what was best to bee done, that in this their distress God might shew them mercy: and that was to repent and turn unto the Lord, to the effecting whereof, hee counselleth them to two things laid down in my Text, 1 To search out sin. 2. And to put it to trial.

In the handling whereof, I will proceed as here we do against a lewd and wicked Malefactor, legally, according to the Laws of this Realm.

A search
to be made
for sin.

The first part of my Text is to *search*: Wee know that when one hath offended the Laws, hath committed any felony, murther, treason, or done any outrage, for which he is to be apprehended, hee presently flying and hiding himselfe, is pursued, and sought

sought after ; diligent search is made to attach him.

The Malefactor here which doth so much harm on every one, every where without ceasing, is *sinne*. This is a *notable Thief* and *Robber*, daring to set upon any. He robbeth God of his honour, and man of Gods favour. This *Thief* stole from *Angels* their excellency of glory, from our first Parents their innocency. This is hee that robbeth us of our graces, the spiritual money which wee have in the purses of our heart, to helpe us in our journey to Heaven. This *Villain* bereaveth us of our goods, driveth away our cattel, spoyleth us of every temporal blessing, of our health, our peace, our liberty and plenty. He it is that utter-

Sin is the
great Ma-
lefactor.

Sin robs
us.

Sin doth
kill, if it be
not killed.

ly undoeth us, and maketh
our estate miserable, that we
cannot thrive in any thing,
Body or Soul.

This is a *Murthering theefe*,
wheresoever hee breaketh in,
by day, or by night, there will
he either kil or be killed; man
and sin cannot both live toge-
ther. Most bloodily cruel hee
is, for hee will spare none. He
slayeth the hoary head, and
killeth the tender mother
with the new born Babe.
Hee regardeth no person, no
sex, no age, of so murderous
a disposition is hee, and so in-
humanely barbarous.

Sin is
strong.

Prov. 5.22

Hee is a very *strong Theef*,
no humane power can sub-
due him; hee taketh man and
bindeth him: *For iniquity ta-
keth the wicked, and holdeth
him with the cords of his owne
sins.*

sins. Hee will bear rule where hee cometh, all must obey him. Hee will command the *Reason*, reign over the *VVill*, and swagger over the *Affecti- ons*, and lead captive the whole man, and make him serviceable to his lusts; yea, and make him spend his whole estate to maintain him in his lustful humours, whether it bee in pride, or drunkenness, or gluttony, or idleness, or whoredome, or whatsoever else it is, he both must and will have maintenance, else he will set all on fire; for *wickedness burneth as fire.*

Rom. 7. 23

Isa 9. 18.

This is an *ungrateful and mischievous Theef*; for let any entertain him and favor him, he wil work their overthrow. Yea, so vile a *Villain* is hee, that the more any make of

Sin doth
him the
most hurt
that most
loveth it.

Jer. 5. 25.

Ier. 4. 18.

The evil
which sin
doth

him, the worfe is he to them; for, *he with-holds all good from them*, *hee procureth mischiefes to light upon them*. He keepeth out Grace from having any entertainment. Hee smothereth *Conscience* for speaking, hardeneth the *Heart* for feeling, blindeth the *Judgement* from discerning; stoppeth the *Ear* from hearing any good counsel; lameth the *Feet* from walking in Gods paths; benummeth the *Hands* from doing duties of Charity, and maketh the *Tongue* to falter in speaking of holy things. Neither yet doth he this onely, but hee worketh Enmity betwixt his *Favourite* and his best *friend*, even between God and his own conscience. And to make up the height of his mischief, the more to strengthen

strengthen himself against his foolish and unhappy friend, hee, at unawares to him, letteth in, and that into the best room (even the heart) his great and most deadly enemy the *Devil*.

Thus Covetousness did let him into *Judas* heart, and set him on work to betray Christ. Flattery let him into the hearts of the false Prophets, to deceive *Ahab*. Carelesness lets him in to hinder the fruit of the Word. Loss of Gods grace lets him in, and seven worse with him, to ruine a man utterly. Hypocritical vain-glory, and Covetousness did let him into the hearts of *Ananias* and *Saphyra*; for vain-glory made them sell all, to make a shew to be like *Barnabas*; but Co-

Mat. 6. 14,
15.

1 King 22

Mat. 13.
Mat. 12.

Act. 5. 10.

vetousness with unbeleefe, advised them to with-hold some of the money, lest they should happen to want; but how to do this, and keep their credit they knew not; therefore *Hypocrisie, Vainglory Covetousness, and Unbeleef* called in Satan, to hear his counsel, who taught them to lye unto the Holy Ghost, but to the death of them both. Thus wee see, what an ungrateful Villain sin is to his best friends.

Sin is ve-
ry subtil.
Heb. 3. 13.

Rom 7. 11

Lastly, This Theef is a *pestilent subtil Theef*. Sin is deceitful, it beguiled *Adam, David and Solomon*; yea *St. Paul*, one oncerapt up into the third Heaven, doth acknowledge that it *deceived him*. And whom hath it not deceived? Hee is therefore carefully

carefully to bee avoided and taken heed of, and this robbing, murthering, strong, ungrateful, mischievous and subtil Theef diligently to bee sought out.

But before *Search* can bee made, a *Watch* must bee set to espie him out, that hee may bee attached.

A watch
set to espy
cut sin.

The Watch-man appointed for this purpose, is *Godly jealousy*, who hath ever an holy suspicion of a mans own wayes, lest in any thing at any time hee should mis-behave himself.

The
watchman
is one.

This vigilant *Watchman* hath with him two *Assistants* ever to accompany him; the one is *Love good*, a zealous fellow for God and good duties; the other is *Hate ill*, an angry and waspish fellow,

A assistants
are two.

and of a fierce countenance against sin.

These three ever keep together, so as sin cannot so cunningly enter, but they can as quickly espy him, and as speedily pursue him, and put him to flight.

The Town
watched.

The place where these are set Watchmen, is called *Souls-Town*, a Town of great resort, a thorow-fare never without Travellers, ill motions day and night, and the Posts, which are Satans suggestions, ever and anon pass thorow, and many at the Common-Inne, the *Heart*, take up their lodgings.

Travel-
lers.

Posts.

The Inne.

Town
large.

This Town is very spacious and large, for besides many *Back-sides*, *By-lanes*, and *Out-corners*, these are foure great streets, *Sense-street*,
Thought-

Streets are
four.

Thought-street, Word-street,
and *Deed-street*; in some of
which this lewd companion
fin, and his Copes-mates
will bee found wandring.

When the *Watch* is set, they
have a *Charge* given them by
one in authority, which is
this, *Keep thy Soule diligently,*
and withall they have a
watchful eye to the *Inne*, and
to take heed lest at any time
there bee an heart of infidelity
to depart from the living God;
commanding also the *Watch-*
men to exhort one another dai-
ly, lest their hearts bee hardened
with the deceitfulness of sin.

These *Watch-men* have al-
so a *Watch-word* given them,
even a word of preventing
grace, saying unto them, *This*
is the way, walk in it, when
they are turning to the right
hand,

Charge
given to
the watch
men.

Deuts 4.9.
Prov. 4.23

Heb. 3. 12
13.

A watch
word.

Isa. 30. 21.

hand, or to the left.

To this Watch-word *Godly jealousy*, with his associates do willingly attend, keeping carefully the Watch, so as the Theef is descried, and presently they make *Hue* and *Cry* after him.

The Hue
and Cry.

Eleven
ways
how to
know sin.

Thus *Hue* and *Cry* is written by the *Bible Clark*, and containeth infallible marks to discover sin, whereby it may bee certainly known, and they are these:

Rom. 3. 20
7. 8.
1. Ioh. 3. 4.

1 By the *Law of the ten Commandments*; For by it cometh the knowledge of sin, for every failing in that which is commanded, and every thought, word, and deed against that which is forbidden, is sin.

2 By every *exhortation to vertue*, and every *dehortation from*

from vice, being appendices to the Commandements, shewing what wee ought to do; and what ought to bee shunned, and avoided of us.

3 By every Threatning which is the word of Gods displeasure for sin.

Is. 1. 11, 18
3, 14, & 5
20.

4 By punishment inflicted, which is certainly Gods hand for sin; for were hee not provoked by sin, hee would not afflict us.

Act. 5. 5. &
13. 11.
Ier. 25. 8.
Lam. 3. 33

5 By the humble Confession of such as have acknowledged their sins in particular.

Ioth 7. 20.
Pl. 13. 5. 14
1 S2. 12. 19.
Mat. 27 4.
1 Tim. 1. 13

6 By plain Accusations, laying sins to mens charge, Isa. 59. 3. & c.

1 Cor. 15 9
2 Chr. 19
2.

7 By reproofs and checks for sin, 2 Chron. 19. 2.

1 Sam. 2. 19

8 By places numbring up sins by name in sundry Scriptures, Rom. 1. 29. 30, 31, 32.

1 Tim.

1 *Tim.* 1. 9, 10. 2 *Tim.* 3. &c.

1 *Cor.* 5. 11. *Gal.* 5. 19, 20, 21.

Rev. 21. 8. *Prov.* 11. 1. *Mic.* 6. 11.

9 By the *description of sin*, shewing what it is, as in 1 *Joh.* 3. 4. & 5. 17. *Rom.* 14. 23. *Prov.* 21. 4. & 24. 9. & 1. 21.

10 By the *description of godly men*, negatively, by such things as they ought to avoid, as in *Psal.* 1. 1. & 15. 3, 5. & 24. 4. *Ezek.* 8. 60. *Isa.* 33. 15. *Psal.* 101. 3. & 16. 4.

Lastly, by the *description of wicked men*, by their bad qualities and conditions, *Psal.* 10. 2, 11. & 12. 24. & 57. 21.

Who carrieth the Hue and Cry.

The *Hue and Cry* thus set out, it is carried by the *Spirit of Supplication*, crying mightily to the Lord for grace and mercy to help in time of need, as *David* did, who saw sin before him, and then made

made the *Hue and Cry*, saying, *Have mercy upon mee, O Lord, according to thy loving kindness, according to the multitude of thy mercy do away all mine offences.*

Psal. 51. 1.

This *Hue and Cry* must not be let slip at any hand, but be carried along in the pursuit, lest in following of sin, men bee deceived, and solid Vertues bee attached instead of Vices. For this wee must know, as Vices have not a few friends (as after shall be shewed) so Vertues have many enemies ready to inform against them, that they may bee pursued after as Malefactors, that sin in the meane while may seek shelter and escape: And the enemies are these:

Vertues
enemies.
1 Outside
and his
descripti-
on.

I One Mr. *Outside*, in the
inside

inside a carnal Securitan, a fellow that will come to his Church, keep his Sundayes and Holydayes: But yet in the Congregation while hee sitteth among others, sometimes he is nodding, & sometimes fast asleep, and if hee abide waking, then is his mind wandring abroad, so as he remaineth still ignorant, without any effectual power of the Word, and being out of the Church, hee is presently upon his worldly business.

What hee
is an ene-
my to.

This fellow cannot abide any after-meditation, or Christian Conference with others of that which hee hath heard; and if hee espy any meeting together for this purpose, then hee maketh information against them, and is ready to send the *Hue and Cry,*

Cry; as against privy Schismatical conventicling, and unlawful meeting. This is a vulgar *Ignoramus*, and a blockish Adversary.

2 The second is, Sir *Worldly-wise*, a very fool to God, a self-conceited earthworm, whose wisdom is from below, and therefore *sensual, earthly, and devillish*, who proudly with much disdain, condemneth, and condemneth the wisdom which is from above, pure and peaceable, sincere and charitable, and is ready to send the *Hue* and *Cry* after it, as after foolish and doting simplicity.

3 The third is, Sr. *Lukewarm*; this fellow is a temporizing Time-server, *Jack* on both sides, hee is all in the praise of moderation

2 Wicked worldly-wise described.

Iam. 3. 15.

What he is an enemy to.

3 Lukewarm his description.

What he
is an ene-
my to.

4 Plausible
Civil, his
descripti-
on.

What he
is an ene-
my to.

5 Machia-
vel his
descripti-
on.

moderation & discretion, one very indifferent between this and that ; hee cannot indure fervent zeal, but would have *Hue* and *Cry* sent against it as a fiery mad braind rashness.

4 The fourth is, Sir *Plausible Civil*, a fashionable fellow, framed to a commendable outward behaviour for Civility, but in matter of Religion hee hath no more, but what hee hath by common education, custome, and example of other. To the life of Religion hee is a stranger ; strict serving of God, and a more narrow search of our wayes, he holds to be foolish scrupulosity, and is desirous to have the *Hue* and *Cry* sent out against it, as against phantastical preciseness.

5 The fifth is Master *Machiavel*,

chiavel, a mischievous Companion; all for policy, little for piety, and then in pretence onely: He is a very *Fehu*, zealous against *Baal*, to root out *Ahabs* posterity, for the more sure setting of the kingdome to him and his: But in state Idolatry, a very *Feroboam*, to keep the kingdome from being re-united to *Judah*. Hee cannot suffer gainful abuses to be reformed; but if any attempt any such thing, he accuseth them for factious turbulent spirits, and so would he have the *Hue and Cry* made against their endeavours as against some Puritanical trick.

What he
is an ene
my to.

6 The sixt is one *Libertine*. This licentious fellow hath a Chiverel conscience, caring for nothing but how to pass on

6 Liber
tine his
descripti
on.

What hee
is an ene-
my to.

7 Scru-
pu'osity
his des-
cription.

What hee
is an ene-
my to.

on along his life in pleasure-
able contentments, *Religion*
by him is held to be but a de-
vised Policy to keep men in
awe of a Deity; and therefore
when he seeth *Religion* to bee
made conscience of, hee pre-
sently causeth *Hue* and *Cry*
to bee made against it as a-
gainst hypocrisie. This pro-
phane enemy laugheth at, and
mocketh at Christianity.

7 The seventh is, *Scrupu-
losity*; this is an unsociable and
a snappish fellow, he maketh
sins to himself more than the
Law condemneth, and liveth
upon fault-finding; *Weaker
Apprehension* is his *Father*, and
Mis-understanding his *Mother*,
and an *Uncharitable* heart his
Nurse. The use of Christian
liberty, if it bee more in his
conceit than hee pleaseth

to

to like well of, then would he have the *Hue and Cry* sent against it as against *carnal security*. This is a rigid and censorious Adversary.

8 The eighth is the *Babbling Babylonian*; This is a doting companion, and superstitiously foolish, hee boasterh of *Antiquity*, though his wayes be *Novelty*; yet he will have it the *Old Religion*, and if any forsake it as *Idolatry*, those hee condemneth for *Schismatics*, and labours to have the *Hue and Cry* sent out against all Reformation in Christian Churches as against *Heresie*. This is a bloody *Antichristian* Adversary.

These are the principal Informers (for I pass by petty companions) which endeavour to mislead the pursuer

8 Babylonian his description.

Whom he is an enemy to.

of

of sin, and to set him to attach very eminent and excellent Vertues for Vices. Therefore it is necessary to have sin set out by marks infallible in the Hue and Cry; else this subtil Villain Sin, will craftily beguile the pursuer, and will escape either by the shifts which he can make to deceive him, or by his many friends he hath to keep him from being apprehended.

Shifts by
which sin
escapes
are principally two.

I By a
shew of
Vertue.

The shifts which commonly a Theef maketh to escape in his flying away, are two:

I Is his *Counterfeiting the habit of an honest man*: So sin craftily putteth upon himself the shew of Vertue, as *Jehu* did piety, for the getting of a Kingdome, and establishing of it to himself, whose sin was covered with a pretended

ded and hypocritical zeal for the Lord. *Ananias* and *Saphyra* made shew of liberality like that of *Barnabas*, not discernable till *Peter* discovered it. For as Satan can transforme himself into an Angel of light, and his Apostles into the Apostles of Christ; so can sin the seed of Satan, put upon it self the counterfeite of vertue.

2 Cor. II.
13, 14.

2 A Thief will alter his name, and by assuming the name of an honest man, oft-times escape away; and after this manner also escapeth sin; Vice getting upon it the name of Vertue. And so *Drunkennes* escapeth under the name of *Good-fellowship*; *Covetousness* under the name of *Good-husbandry*; *Filthy Ribandry* under the name of

2 By the name of Vertue put upon Vices,

What Vices get the name of Vertues.

of Merriment? *Pride of Apparel*, under the name of *Decency* and *Handsomness*; *bloody Revenge* for wrongs offered, escaped under the name of *Valour*; *Foolish wastefulness*, under the name of a *frank and liberal Disposition*; *Superstition* under the name of *Devotion* of Fore-fathers and the old Religion, *Remisness* in punishing, under the name of *Gentleness*; *Flattery*, under the name of *Un-offensiveness*; *Lukewarmness* in Religion, under the praise of *Discretion*; and many such like foul Vices, do thus deceitfully hide themselves; and so escape unattached.

If by these his shifts he cannot escape *Godly jealousy*, that constant pursuer, then will he seek to be holpen by his kindred

dred and friends: For sin hath many, who will either so *defend* him, or *excuse* him, or *deny* him, or *hide* him, or *make him so little in fault*, as will almost perswade *Godly jealousy*, that it is even needlesse so eagerly to pursue after him.

Friends
of sin, and
how they
shew it.

1 The first of these is his *Grandfire Ignorance*: For hee knowes no sin, hee cannot read the *Hue and Cry*: Hee breedeth sin, and bringeth him up, and maketh no conscience of it: If sin get into his house, he holds himself safe enough.

1 Igno-
rance how
a friend
to sin.

2 The second, his brother *Error*, the son of ignorance, this fellow mistaketh all, and misconstrueth the whole *Hue and Cry*, and can finde no fault with sin, and so endea-

2 Err r,
how
friends
to sin

C voureth

vouresth to send the pursuer another way.

3 Opinion
how a
friend to
sin.

3 The third is his Cousin *Opinion*, and this will hold the pursuer with a long and tedious disputation, questioning the Act, whether it be a sin or no: and will endeavour by probabilities to make it no sin, that so he might make the pursuer to desist. Thus sins of profit, and such as may prevent certain dangers are disputed, *Pro & Con*, as men say; The sin of Usury by many is brought under opinion as lawful some way.

So the sin of Idolatry, to go and hear a Mass without inward reverence, as it was disputed in Queen *Maries* dayes to prevent the eminent danger of death then. Many sins evident enough are

are made disputable if they yeeld profit, or bee delight-some to the flesh, or such as may help to keep a mans person or state in safety, for all these *Opinion* will bee a Protector.

4 The fourth is, one Master *Subtilty*, his wit being attended on by little conscience of the truth. This man cometh with his distinctions to clear an Act from sin, thus with his *latria & doulia*, he will have Idolatry no Idolatry; so with his biting and not biting, and lending to the rich upon Use, but not to a needy brother, damned Usury must be no sin. This *Subtilty* of wit with a chiverel conscience, maketh foule finnes to passe along as no sins.

4 Sub^llty
how a
friend to
sin

5 Custome
how a
friend to
fin.

Mat. 27.
18. 19, 21,
26.
Ioh. 18, 39
40.

5 The fift is called *Custome*, this old Syre patronizeth many vain and sinful practises. By this the Jews held it no fin in them to demand, and in *Pilate* to let loose to them a wicked *Barabas*, one worthy to dye for insurrection and murther.

6 Fore-
fathers.

Ioh. 4. 10

6 The sixt is a Popish fellow called *Fore-fathers*; hee advanceth his Ancestors and their worth, and thinketh so well of them, that to imitate them is no fin. Thus the Samaritans justified their false worship.

7 Power,
how a
friend to
fin.

7 The seventh is one *Sir Power*; hee maketh ever that warrantable, which law establisheth, ordaineth, and decreeth. Great and capital sins in the Romish Synagogue are thus countenanced.

8 The

8 The eight is Sir *Sampler*, who produceth for patterns, great mens and learned mens examples, as if they could not do amisse; but whatsoever they do or say, it must bee good and lawful, and therefore imitable without sin.

8 Sampler
how a
friend to
sin.

Icr. 44. 17.

9 The ninth is Sir *Most-do*, who maintaineth sin from a general practice, because multitudes do it here, and there, and every where; and therefore no sin to do such a thing, which almost all, or the greatest part do.

9 Most-do
how a
friend to
sin.

10 The tenth is one Sir *Silly*, one made all of good meaning, who will qualifie the fact by thinking no harm; or intending well. Thus would *Saul* have justified his rebellion, and *Abimelech* excused his taking of

10 Silly,
how a
friend to
sin,

1 Sam. 15
15.
Gen. 10. 5.

Abrahams wife. And thus vain persons excuse their wanton communication, lascivious songs, foolish jestings, and such like, saying they mean no harm, they onely make themselves merry. Thus Sir *Silly* is hee that maketh simple soules plead good meaning for all their foolish superstitions, blinde devotions, and licentious meriments.

11 Vain hope, how a friend to sin.

Gen. 3. & 4.

The eleventh is *Vaine Hope*; This teacheth to put off the fault to some other, as *Adam* to *Evah*, and *Evah* to the Serpent, and to deny the fact as *Cain* did, even to God himselfe, hereby hoping to shift off sinne, and to escape punishment, who maketh GOD all of mercy.

The

The twelfth is the Lord *Presumption*, hee feareth not judgement, hee bleſſeth himſelf in his evil wayes, he maketh a covenant with Death, and a league with Hell, and ſuffers ſin to bee his daily gueſt, and will let the *Hue* and *Cry* paſs along without any fear of peril, as nothing at all concerning him.

12 Pre-
ſumption
how a
friend to
ſin.
Deut. 29.

Iſa. 28. 15,
16.

The thirteenth is Sir *Wilful* hating to bee reformed: this is an obſtinate friend for ſin, who will wilfully defend it, and be careleſs of all re- proofs. This fellow in contempt will tread down the *Hue* and *Cry* under his feet, and maintain ſin.

13 Wilful
how a
friend to
ſin.

The fourteenth is Sir *Saint-like*, which under the ſhew and ſhadow of Piety, and pretended honeſty, will cover much

14 Saint-
like how a
friend to
ſin.

iniquity, and hide it for a time, that it bee not taken by the pursuer with the *Hue and Cry*; such were the hypocritical Scribes and Pharisees.

Godly jealousy will not be deceived by these.

These great ones, and many other moe, are the friends of this Thief and Rebel; but yet for all these Favourites, *Godly jealousy* espies him out, and his harbour, and presently goeth to a Justice of Peace to procure a warrant for the Constable to attach him, and all his companions with him.

Lord chief Justice.

The Justice is not one of a mean rank, or any petty Justice, but the very Lord *Chief Justice* of Heaven and Earth, the Lord Jesus; for it is he that can give the warrant to attach sin, no other warrant will sin obey.

The

The Warrant is the power of Gods Word. The Form of which Warrant is (as you see in my Text) to search out and attach sin with all his Associates, and to bring him and them before Authority, to answer to such things as shall be objected against them, in his Majesty the King of Heavens behalf.

Warrant,
and the
form
thereof.

The procuring of this Warrant, is by going unto, and conferring with some of the *Lord chief Justices Secretaries*, the Writers of holy Scriptures, setting down this charge, as *Jeremy* doth here, *To search and try our wayes.*

Secreta-
ries to the
Lord chief
justice.

This Warrant procured, *Godly jealousie* taketh and carrieth to an officer which hath Authority to make search and attach sin.

The Offi-
cer to at-
tach sin is
Under-
standing.

Under-
standing
fourfold.

1 Deputy
Constable

This officer, without which sin neither can, nor indeed will bee attached, is *Under-
standing*, who knoweth what sin is.

Now as there bee four sorts of Officers which may attach Felons by warrant, *The Deputy Constable, the Tything-man, the Petty Constable*, and the *Head Constable*; So is the spiritual Officer four-fold.

I The *Deputy Constable* is commonly some neighbour, intreated to performe the Office in the others absence: This is the very shadow of a Constable, and will not willingly intermeddle in any thing; so as the people where hee dwels, may do for all him what they list.

This *Deputy Constable* in this spiritual *Township*, is the

the *Understanding* darkened, the son of Ignorance, and grand-childe of *Blindness of heart*; this is a blinde Constable, and hath never an eye to see with.

This suffers all disorder in the whole man, or *Soule-Township*. Here bee such as bee alienated from the life of God, past feeling, given over to work all uncleanness with greediness. All the affections are quite out of order, and no care taken for their reformation; for this foolish fellow imployeth himselfe about his grounds, cattel, sheep, and oxen, about buying and selling, as for the estate of his soule, hee is to it a very stranger: Hee knows the price of corn, oxen, and sheep; but what is the excel-

Under-
standing
darkned
Eph. 4. 18.
1 Ioh. 2. 11.

Eph 4. 18,
19.
The evils
under it
commit-
ted.

excellency of Vertue, what the evil of Vice, what the price of his soul, hee neither knows, nor cares to know.

Tything-
man.

2 The *Tything-man* which commonly is a mean fellow, and so contemptible, as few or none care for him. And therefore hereupon is very little or no reformation where hee hath his dwelling. If any amendment bee sought, it is onely for some notorious shamefull misdemeanours, and hee must be much called upon for this too, else no reformation thereof; and as for many other offences, there is no care had at all.

Gross un-
derstand-
ing, and
the evill
thereof.
2 Pet. 1. 9.

• This *Tything-man* is *Gross understanding*, like one pur-
blinde, who cannot see afar
off, but onely gross trans-
gressions forbidden in the
Law,

Law, according to the sound of the bare letter onely; as theft, murder, adultery, and so forth. The spiritual meaning and large extent of the Commandement, he is wholly ignorant of. This purblind *Tything-man* suffers a number of disorders in his Township, and must be much urged to see very gross and foule misdemeanors; else will hee not seek to reform them.

3 The *Petty Constable*, which is some civil honest man of the Parish, and perhaps hath some Country learning, but yet is an one-eyed fellow, half-sighted, and passeth by many faults.

This *Petty Constable*, is the *Understanding somewhat cleared*; he hath an insight into the Moral Law, who by civil

3 *Petty-Constable*

Under-
standing
somewhat
cleared.

civil education, some art and learning, and an outward form of Religion, and reading in the Bible, now and then can speak of the Gospel Historically, and prettily discourse of Religion.

But this his knowledge is onely superficial, for neither in the Common Law, which is the Law Moral, neither in the Statute Law, the Law of the Gospel, or Law of Liberty, is hee any professed *Student*. He is no *Innes of Court man*, never brought up in the *Inner Temple*. Hee maketh neither the Common, nor Statute Law his profession.

A meer
civil ho-
nest man,
who, and
what a
one.

As hee is no Student in these, so he is no practitioner, but onely aimeth at civil behaviour, common honesty, and

and careth to be held onely a Christian at large, and to profeſſe the Religion of the preſent State, without any more curious endeavour to proceed further to find out the power of Religion.

Therefore where this kinde of underſtanding dwelleth, there care is had onely to ſee to diſorders againſt civil honeſty, and common moral duties, and againſt courſes apparently dangerous to his outward eſtate; and thoſe things which may offend the moſt or the greateſt ſort amongſt men. This half ſighted Conſtable, a ſuperficial fellow in divine truth, aimeth at no more.

The ſinnes immediately againſt God, and againſt his Goſpel, as unbeleeſ, impatience,

What hee
only looks
unto.

What ſins
he regards
not.

ence, pride, disdain, envy at other mens gifts, presumption of Gods mercy, abuse of his favours, and many such hee taketh no notice of, but permitteth them to live where he hath to do without control.

4 Chief
Constable

4 The *Head or Chief Constable* is a man of right and good understanding, knowing his Office, and the duties thereto belonging, with care and conscience to discharge the same; for hee is studious in both laws and a good practitioner therein.

Illumina-
ted under-
standing,
and the
excellency
thereof.

This chief Constable is *Illuminated Understanding*; he is one, that hath both his eyes to see with, of nature and of grace, he is wel read both in the Common Law, the Law moral, and the Statute-
Law,

Law, the law of Liberty, the Gospel of Christ, hee hath been a long Practitioner in both, and is called the *Spiritual man*, who can discern and judge of all things.

1 Cor. 2.

The place of his common abode and dwelling is in *Regeneration*, a very healthful, comfortable, and commodious habitation. Hee is no straggler, but loveth to keep home, and to look to his office.

His habitation is regeneration.

Hee hath an excellent Family; his Wives called *Grace*, his two Sons, *VVill* and *Obedience*; his three Daughters, *Faith*, *Hope*, and *Charity*; his two Servants, *Humility*, and *Self-denial*; and his two Maids, *Temperance* for his Summer house of prosperity, and *Patience* for his Winter house

His family

The good
he doth.

house of Adversity.

This *chief Constable*, where he dwels keepeth very good order, hee suffereth not the Rebel sin to rule and swagger in the Township of his soul.

If Drunkennes, as once in *Noah*, or Adultery, as once in *David*, or pride of heart, as once in *Hezekiah*, or Envy, as once in *Miriam*, or such like happen to be found where he hath to do, hee speedily sendeth them packing. For though they may at unawares perhaps creep in, and be found where he dwelleth, in some street of this Town, yet they get there no abiding place; though hee cannot ever and at all times prevent their creeping in, yet hee alwayes taketh care that they settle

settle not themselves where he hath to do, but will dislodge them wheresoever hee shall finde them, for he is very careful in his office to discharge it to the utmost.

This *chiefe Constable* is hee to whom *Godly jealousie* bringeth his Warrant, to seek out the Rebel sin, and to attach him.

This Constable having received the Warrant, presently addresseth himselfe to make the search. But for that sin is Masterful (especially every * capital sin, which is attended on by many other) and wil not easily submit, but dare make opposition against authority, till he be overmastered: Therefore this man takes with him sufficient company, to watch sin for escaping,

This is that which apprehendeth sin.

* Which hath antecedent, concomitant, and subsequent sins

escaping to go very strongly to attach him, and to hold him when they have him, so as never a friend may dare to side with him.

Aydants
two ser-
vants.

First, hee taketh his owne two servants, *Humility* and *Self-denial*, which ever in every searck necessarily attend him.

2 Neigh-
bourgodly
sorrow, &
his seven
sons.

Then going together, hee calleth upon his next neighbour, *Godly sorrow* with his seven sons, ready to bear them company, 2 Cor. 7. 11.

1 Care.

The first of these is *Care* to finde out sin, that it may not bee hid.

2 Cleer-
ing.

The second is *Cleering*, which, when hee espieth sin, will not wink thereat, nor partake with it.

3 Indig-
nation.

The third is *Indignation*, a fierce fellow, which can never

ver look upon any sin, but with a godly anger.

The fourth is *Fear*, not natural or dastardly fear, nor servile fear, all too base minded to attach sin; but such a fear as maketh him to stand in awe of God, rejecting all fellowship with the wicked, and partakers with sin.

4 Fear

The fifth is *Vehement desire*, to apprehend sin, to bee in Gods favour, in love with the godly, and free from his own corruptions. This is a stirring fellow.

5 Vehement desire.

The sixth is *Zeal*, who dare ceaze upon even the most capital Rebel, for hee is like to *Phineas*, ready to thrust him thorow, and to kill him wheresoever hee findeth him.

6 Zeal.

The

7 **Revenge**

The seventh is *Revenge* who answereth to his name; for hee desireth to pay sin home for the wrong he hath done him, and would have him proceeded against to the uttermost. This fellow lustily layeth hold on sin, and bindeth him at the *chiefe Constables* command, to lead him away.

These are able to take prisoner the sturdiest Rogue, the stoutest Rebel, and strongest Theef. What sin in the soul is it, which this chiefe Constable with his men, his neighbour *Godly sorrow*, and his seven sons cannot overmaster, and lead by Gods grace captive, and make it the Kings prisoner?

As the Constable goeth with these his many neighbours,

bours, and with his own servant, to the number of ten besides himself, a couple of busie fellows uncalled thrust in themselves to increase the number.

A couple
of busie
fellows.

The one of these is *Self-love*, a pestilent fellow, for he not onely can hinder the Constables diligence in taking pains to search, but in searching to bee too partial, and over respective to himself, if the sins sought after be either pleasurable or profitable; but also withall, hee can dull the spirit of *godly sorrow*, and do his seven sons very great mischief, as by their confessions afterward it doth appear.

1 Self-love
what evil
he doth.

Therefore when the Constable *Understanding* espieth him, hee commandeth forth-
with

Self-denial
removes
him.

2 Self-
conceit,
and the
miſchiefs
thereof.

Prov. 12. 5
& 3. 57.

Iſa 5. 21.

with his ſervants *Self-denial* to put him out of the company for hindering the ſearch.

The other is *Self-conceit*, the former lewd companion diſordereth all the affections, this blindeth judgement, by the overweening of a mans ſelf, and will pick the Warrant out of the Conſtables pocket, and will blow out the candle light which is in the Conſtables hand, if he be not prevented.

This wretched fellow of all wiſe men is held a fool; *For the way of the fool is wiſe in his own eyes, and there is more hope of a fool than of him that is wiſe in his own conceit*; and therefore are wee dehorted from being *wiſe in our own eyes, or leaning to our own wiſdom*, and a woe is pronounced

ced against such; yet is the fool a very dangerous fool, and a knave too: hee will so deceive by flattery. Hee will make a man beleve his *wayes to bee clear in his own eyes, when the end thereof is death.* Yea can beguile a generation of men, and make them to thinke themselves pure in their own eyes, and sight, and yet are not washed from their filthyness. Such a conceited fool was the Laodicean Angel.

Prov. 16.
3. 23.

Pro. 30. 12

Rev. 3.

The Constable therefore commandeth his man *Humility*, to thrust this fool and knave out of their company, before they make search for sin; for if these bee suffered to go along with the rest, labour is but lost, sin will never bee found out, and attached.

Humility
puts him
away.

D

Now

Now when the *Constable* hath rid away these two troublesome companions { for they usually go together) then he goeth on to the place where he knoweth that sin hath taken up his lodging.

The Inne,
M^{rs} Hearts
house.

The place is a *Common Inne*, an Harlots house called *Mistriss Heart*, a receptacle for all Villains, Whores, and Theeves, and for all dishonest persons whatsoever, none denied house-room or harbour there.

And that shee is such a dishonest woman, is clear and evident, as in her arraignment shall bee fully proved.

Old man.
E. h 4. 2. 2.

But to cover her naughtiness as much as shee may, she hath gotten into her house, one called *Old man*, corrupted by her deceitful lusts, to become

become her husband, when indeed shee is his own daughter, and so live they in incest together, and keep rout and ryot night and day. If any honest Traveller (a good and godly motion) happen sometimes to fall in there unawares, hee is streightway denied entertainment. Her answer is by and by, that her lodgings are taken up for other manner of men, there is no room for any such troublesome guests as these bee: none can bee merry for them, where they come, hindering all good fellowship.

The house which this harlotry dwelleth in, hath many in-lets, five doors open for their guests to come in at. These five doors are the five Senses.

Five doors

1 The
door of
hearing.

Gen. 3.

What evils
enter by
hearing.

The first is the *Door of Hearing*, the first that ever was open to let in sin, as wee may learn in the Serpents beginning to tempt *Evah*.

At this door entereth in lying, slandering, backbiting, filthy Communication, Flattery, Swearing, Error, Heresie false-Doctrine, Tale-bearing, Blasphemy, and with these enter also ill opinions of one another, uncharitable judging, ill suspicion, rash credulity, and many other sins, caused and committed by the tongue, through want of wisdom and charity.

2 The
door of
seeing.
1 Ioh. 2.
What sins
enter by
seeing.

The second is the *Door of Seeing*, at this enter in the lusts of the eye, Fornication, Adultery, Covetousness, Desire of *Naboths* Vineyard, the marriage of the sons
of

of God with the daughters of men; *Achans* Theft, who saw a wedge of gold, and desired it, and took it: Many are the sins which enter in by this door, through want of Charity and Contentment.

Gen. 6.
1esh. 7.

Pf. 119. 37.
Iob 31. 1.

The third is the *Door of Tasting*; at this enter in Riot, Gluttony, Drunkenness, Revellings, and the fruits thereof, Chambering, and Wantonness, Prodigality, Quarrelling, and Fighting; and many other cursed effects of seeking to satisfy the appetite, which the godly man avoideth and also the very occasion thereof, by Sobriety and Temperance.

3 The
door of
tasting.

The sins
which enter
by this
sense.
Prov. 23.
2, 30, 21.
1 Cor. 5.
11.

The fourth is the *Door of Smelling*; at this enter in foolish niceties, perfumings, and other allurements, to dalli-

4 The
door of
smelling.
Prov. 7-7.
What entereth here

ance, effeminateness, and such like.

5 The door
of feeling
Ro. 13. 13
Wher en-
treth here,

The fifth is the *door of Feeling*; at this door entreth Wantonness, Lasciviousness, and other fruits of the flesh.

Degrees
to the
heart.

These bee the doors by which all sin ordinarily entereth into the heart, except original sin bred within, and brought from the womb; as also Satans immediate suggestions suddenly cast into the Heart.

6 Hall atten-
dant, com-
mon sense.

When sins enter in at any of these doors, they first come into the *Hall*; where attendeth *Common sense* to welcome them.

7 Parlour
attendant
Fantasie.

Then they go into a *Parlour*, a more inner room, and there stayeth *Fantasie* to entertain them.

After this, they ascend into
an

an upper *Chamber*, and are there received of *Intelligence*, who presently acquainteth *Mistress Heart*, the *Mistress* of the house with it, which is in her *Dining room*, what are the company and number of her guests come in; for this *Hostess* is a stately *Dame*, and is not to bee spoken with by and by. Thus as you have heard, are her guests entertained and brought in unto her.

With her are eleven daughters attending her as *Maids*, lewd *Strumpets*, and as impudent *Harlots* as her self.

These eleven waiting *Maids* are the eleven passions of the *Heart*, corrupt, disorderly, and immoderate wantons, which bee these:

The first is *Love*, set all on pleasures, profits, honours,

D 4

and

Chamber.

Intelligence.

Dining room.

Mrs Hearts Maids.

11 Passions

1 Love.

and wholly upon worldly and
fleshly Vanities , contrary to
that in *1 Joh. 2. 15. Love not
the world, nor the things that are
in the world.*

2 Hatred

The second is *Hatred*,
which is contrary to *Love*,
setting it self against Gods
Word, good men, and good
things, a mischievous Maid,
ever setting one another at
oddes, and disquieting often
the whole house and the Ta-
ble of guests.

3 D fire.

The third is *Desire*, never
content, but would have
sometimes this, and then that,
now here, now there, never
resting, never satisfied with
either riches or honours, or
variety of pleasures.

4 Detesta-
tion.

The fourth is *Detestation*,
contrary to *Desire*, which
loatheth and cannot endure
good

good counsel, good company, godly conference, much less reproof, or any opposition in her wayes.

The fifth is *Vain-hope*, which possessing the Heart, maketh it foolishly presumptuous.

5 Vain-hope.

The sixth is *Despair*, contrary to hope, which causeth acts against reason, against nature sometimes; as it did in *Achitophel*, in *Saul*; in *Zimri*, in *Judas*, who killed themselves. It also maketh men run into dissolute and rebellious courses, even to walk wilfully on in evil, as being without hope.

6 Despair.

Jer. 18.12

The seventh is *Fear*, which passion doth so slavishly captivate the minde, as it will make a man forget his duty to God, so as hee may escape danger with men, as it did *Pe-*

7 Fear.

ter, and *Pilate*; and is ever a false friend in adversity.

8 Audacity

The eighth is *Audacity*, contrary to fear, which maketh a man fool-hardy, without deliberation to thrust himself into imminent dangers, as it did the *Israelites*.

Num. 1. 4,

40.

9 Joy.

The ninth is *Joy*, which cheareth a man when he hath that which hee delighteth in, be it never so ill, as it did the inhabitants of the earth at the destruction of the two Prophets.

Rev. 18. 10.

10 Sorrow

The tenth is *Sorrow*, contrary to joy, which afflicteth the soul, causing weeping and wailing, lamentation and mourning, often with an outcry, as in the Land of *Aegypt*.

Ex. 12. 30

11 Anger.

The eleventh is *Anger*, which commeth upon a man, not

not only for apparent injury, as on *David* against *Nabal*, but upon imagined wrongs, as on *Haman* against *Mordecai*, *Naaman* against *Elisha*, and *Akab* against *Micaiah*.

1 Sam. 25.

Hest. 3. 5.

2 Kin 5 13

1 King. 22

There is no passion contrary to this, for though quietness bee contrary to anger, yet its no passion, therefore they are but eleven, as *Thomas Aquinas* reckons them.

In his
Sums.

Besides these attending very diligently on *Mistress Heart*, she hath a man-servant called *VWill*.

Mrs Hearts
Man ser-
vant Will
is made
the servant
to all.

This *VWill* hath three at command under him, the Feet, the Hand, the Tongue, like the Hostler, Tapster, and Chamberlain. All these are at *Mistress Hearts* and her Maids command.

If

L

ove.

If *Love* in a Maid affect a young man, though all her friends bee against it, yet mark how shee sets *Will* on work for her. I *Will* have him (saith shee) though I never have good day with him. *Will*, here must make the match against all gain-saying. *Judah* hee lusted after one he saw in the way (not knowing it to be *Thamar*, *Will* must here make the filthy bargain. What (saith shee) wilt thou give mee? I *Will* (saith hee) give thee a Kid.

Gen 38.16

Hatred.

Gen. 27.41

1 Kin. 1.5.

2 Kin. 5.20

As *Love* sets *Will* at work, so doth *Hatred*, as we may see in *Esau*, I *Will* kill my brother *Jacob*. So doth *Desire*, as in *Adoniah*, who said, I *Will* be King. In *Gebezi*, greedy of gain, I *Will* run after him, *Will* here made the feet to run, the

the tongue to speak, the hands to receive. So in *Judas* to betray Christ, *Will* must do it. What *Will* you give mee, and I *Will* deliver him into your hands? Thus to these and all other passions, this *Will* is made a pack-horse, a slave, and without him they can do nothing. *Will* is the man that must ever do the deed for every passion, though they be contrary one to another; miserable is his service, that must bee commanded by so many Mistresses, and so disagreeing among themselves one from another.

Mat. 26. 19

When the *Heart* hath entertained her guests thus, as you have heard, and received them into her *Dining room*, provision is presently made for

The
hearts
provision
for sins.

for them, yea she hath it ever ready for them, as never being without many guests.

Table In-
stability.

The *Table* is spread, which all must sit at, and this *Table* is *Instability*; for inconstant are the thoughts of the who'rish heart.

The *Table* therefore is not square but round, turning about both for more company, and also that her guests may take their places every one of them as they come without discontent.

For albeit there be degrees and differences of sins, yet to her they are alike welcome, one as well as another; although some at one time sit neerer to her than at another, as guests do that sit at such a round *Table*.

Table-
cloth
Vanity.

The *Table-cloth* that covereth

reth it is *Vanity*; for upon *Instability* with such vicious guests, what can there be but *Vanity*? This *Solomon* found in all his inventions, *Eccles. i.*

The *Bread* set on the Table, is the *Fitness of every sins proper object*, without which, sin Actual can no more live than a man without bread.

Bread.

The *Salt* which seasoneth sins appetite to feed it self, is *Opportunity*, for time, for place for person; this sharpneth sin to be working, as the appetite to receive food, when it is well seasoned.

Salt.

The *Trenchers* to eat on, are *strength of every mans Nature* to act sin.

Trenchers

The *Napkins* to make clean their hands and mouth in eating, are the pretended shews of vertue, contrary to these

Napkins.

these Vices, by some good works (so they wipe their mouths, as the Harlot in the Proverbs) and by some good deed of either one kinde or other outwardly done; and thus they wipe clean their fingers, and will not bee thought to bee the unclean persons which they are taken for.

Dishes of
meat.

The *Dishes* of meat set before them, are onely three.

1 The
lusts of the
flesh.
Who eats
of this.

The first is the *Lust of the flesh*, and this is served up in the *Plate of pleasure*.

Of this Dish feedeth heartily Adultery, Fornication, Incests, and all other of the like nature.

2 Lusts of
the eyes.

The second Dish is *Lust of the eyes*, and this is served up in the *Platter of Profit*.

Who feeds
on this.

Hereon feedeth Covetousness,

tousness, Usury, Oppression, Bribery, Extortion, Unhonest gain, and such like. Of one of these two Dishes do all sins taste, except the sin of swearing, in which is lewd prophaneſs of Heart, but neither pleasure, nor profit as in other sins; though by swearing, ungodly men sometimes in buying and selling make gain unjustly.

The third Dish is *Pride of life*, and this is served up in the *Charger of worldly Estimation*. This is very windy meat, which puffeth up the minde with vain-glory of an empty title of some honour, as a bladder is with wind, and yet is very costly feeding.

On this Dish feedeth Arrogancy, pride of spirit, love of Eminency, desire of

3 Is the pride of life.

Who feeds on this.

of Superiority, and outward
Reverence, and such like, for
which they are made to pay
well.

Drink.

The *Drinke* which they
drink to make them digest
their meat, is the *Pleasurable-
ness of sin* for the present.

Waiters.

The *Waiters* at this Table
to give attendance that no-
thing bee wanting, are the
eleven Maids, with *Will* their
man.

How Mrs.
Hearts
Maidens
humour
the guests.

These Harlots humor their
guests, and are ready at a beck
to give contentment.

Where *Incontinency* sits,
there *wanton love* will wait.

Where *Displeasure* is, there
hatred will attend.

Where *Covetousness* is,
there *Unsatiabie desire* will
bee.

Where *Flattery*, that base
humo-

humoring disposition to get grace and favour sitteth, there *Fear* to offend will stand by.

Where impatiency takes his place, there *Anger* is ready waiting to doe his will.

Where *Inconsiderateness* sits, there *Audacity* and Foolhardiness will wait.

Where sullen *Male-contentedness* sits, there *Despair* will soon give attendance.

Where *Foviality* taketh his place, there *Foy* will bid him welcome.

Where *Credulity* sits, there *Vain hope* will bee.

And thus they attend upon the Table, to give their guests all content to the utmost.

After full feeding, follows the taking away of these Dishes

Taking away, vexation of spirit.

shes of Pleasure, Profit, and Honour.

Eccle. 2. 11

Now where *Vanity* was the *Table-cloth*, what can the taking away be, but *vexation of spirit*, as *Solomon* speakes: for it is with these, as with guests in an *Inne*, all merry and pleasant while they bee eating and drinking, till the *Chamberlain* cometh to take away, and giveth them a round reckoning, and then they take to their purses with almost a deep silence; so unpleasing is payment on a sudden.

After Supper, *Mistress Heart* providing them their Lodging.

Lodging.

The place they lye in, is but one room for all their Guests, but it is large enough for all; the room is

Natural

Natural corruption.

In this room lyeth Mistress *Heart*, all her *Maides*, her man *VVill*, and all her guests together, like wilde Irish.

Natural
corruption

With these eleven Harlots lye these guests in so many several beds.

Several
beds.

1 In the bed of *Love*, lye wanton thoughts, lasciviousness, filthy Communication, Fornication, Adultery, Whoredome, and other sinfull uncleanneses.

Loves
bedfellows

2 In the bed of *Hatred* do lye mindfulness of Wrongs, Ill-speaking, Back-biting, Slandering, Railing, Quarrelling, Fighting, Revenge, Murther, and such like.

Hatreds
bedfellows

3 In the bed of *Desire*, do lye Covetousness, Theft, Oppression, Robbery, Fraud, Coozenage,

Desires
bedfellows

Detestati-
ons bed-
fellows.

Coözenage, and ſuch like.

3 In the bed of *Detestation*,
lye want of Charity, diſunion
of Spirit, Diſcord, plot-
ting of deſtruction, and ſuch
like.

Vain
hopes
bed-fel-
lows.

5 In the Bed of *Vain hope*,
lye violent aſſayes to effect
what they hope for: ſome-
times neglect of lawful means
preſumption of mercy, abuſe
of Gods favour, and prophaneſs.

Deſpaires
bed-fel-
lows.

6 In the Bed of *Deſpaire*,
lyeth Male-contentedneſs,
Unbeleef, ſervile Fear, and
ſuch like.

Fears bed-
fellows.

7 In the Bed of *Fear*, do
lye Cowardlineſs, Flattery,
Faint-heartedneſs, Hypocri-
ſie, and Diſſimulation.

Audacities
bed-fel-
lows.

8 In the Bed of *Audacity*,
lye theſe, Headineſs, Raſh-
neſs, Daring, deſperate at-
tempts,

tempts, and such like.

9 In the bed of *Anger*,
do lye Impatency, Rayling,
Back-biting, Quarrelling,
Murther, and such like.

Angers
bedfellows

10 In the bed of *Foy*, lye
wanton delights, Foolish jea-
sting, Levity, and a world of
Vanity.

Ioyes bed-
fellows.

11 In the bed of *Sorrow*,
lye worldly grieve, unquiet-
ness, murmuring, disconten-
tedness, and such like.

Sorrows
bed-fel-
lows.

Thus are these lodged in
Mistress *Hearts* Chamber,
and there she lyeth also with
the *Old man*, and *Will* her
man.

The bed which they lye
upon is *Impenitency*, and the
Coverings are *Hardness* of
heart, and *Carnal security*,
in which they lye snorting
carelessly, till the chief Consta-
ble

The Bed
is impeni-
tency.
The two
Coverings

ble come upon them, and attach them all one after another, the greater *Villaines*, and the leſſer *Theeves*, not ſparing any; He feareth not to attach the Capital, neither paſſeth hee by any of their meanest affiliates.

What the
Attaching
of ſin is.

The attaching of ſin is nothing elſe but the *Apprehenſion of Gods wrath*, ſtriking us with fear through the terror of the Law, and our guiltineſs of the breach thereof.

For in this ſpiritual attaching, it is as in the attaching of Felons, who knowing themſelves guilty of the breach of the Lawes, are ſtrucken with fear, in their apprehenſion of death, which they know they cannot eſcape.

THESE

These Theeves thus apprehended, the *Constable* carrieth them to the next *Justice*, by Authority of his Warrant.

The Justice is *well-informed Judgement*, able to examine every malefactor, that is every sin, brought before him.

A Justice of Peace must be a man of wisdom and experience; So this spiritual Justice must be a judgement well informed in wisdom and discretion, wisely to proceed against sin.

It is meet that a Justice be learned in the Lawes, to know how to proceed legally: So must this spiritual Justice be learned both in the Law and Gospel, to know what sins are committed
E against

Justice is
well in-
formed
judgement

What a
one a Ju-
stice
should be.

against either of them, and thereafter to proceed,]

A Justice is commonly to be one in that Country where hee is an inhabitant; so this Justice must bee every mans *well informed judgement* within himselfe, not another mans; for it is not another mans judgement, that can sit down in his soul, to try and examine his heart and wayes, but his own judgement. *For who knoweth what is in man, saving the spirit of a man which is in man.*

1 Cor. 2. 11

What his
Office is.

The Justices Office is to preserve peace, and to see the Laws observed, and to see to the suppressing of all disorders, routs, ryots, robberies, and conspiracies; also to take order for all vagabonds, stout and sturdy Beggars; yea to see

see the reformation of all unlawfull gaming, and every misdemeanour whatsoever, by Law prohibited; contrary to the Peace of our Sovereigne Lord the King, and the quiet of the Weal-publick; so this spiritual Justice, his Office is to see peace kept between God and himself; to see the Laws of God observed; and to see all disorders in his soule, as vagrant thoughts, sturdy resolutions, riotous behaviour, every misdemeanour, in thought, word, and deed, forbidden by Gods Law, contrary to the peace of a good Conscience, and the quiet of the soul, contrary to the dignities of a Christian, and the honour of our Sovereigne Lord the King, Christ Jesus.

What
well in-
formed
Iudgement
is to do.

E 2 When

How to
deal with
a Male-
factor.

When a Malefactor is brought before a Justice, the Justice is first to examine him, then to set it down, then to binde some over to prosecute against the Felon at the Assizes; and lastly, in the mean space to send him to the Goal, if hee bee notailable.

■ Examine.

■ Hee is (as it is said) to examine the party apprehended and brought before him, and to demand his name, then to inquire after the fact, and the nature of it, with the occasions, causes, and degrees, with the associates, evident signes, the fruits, and effects thereof; so this spiritual Justice is to examine sin.

Examine
sin in eight
things.
1 Name
and nature

1 To know the name and nature thereof, and to what Commandement it belongeth,

geth, so that he may consider what Statute of God is broken.

2 What were the *occasions* offered, as *David*, by looking out, saw *Bathsheba* washing her self.

2 Occasi-
on.

3 What were the *Causes* moving thereto, as Envy in the Jewes to put Christ to death, and in *Cain* to kill *Abel*.

3 Causes.

4 What are the several *Sorts* under one and the same Capital sin; as under Theft, Covetousness, and Coozenage; under Adultery, Fornication, Selfe-pollution, &c.

4 Kindes.

5 What be the *Degrees* in the same sin, as in stealing, not from the rich, but from the poor; not from a stranger, but from a Christian

5 Degrees.

E 3 bro-

brother, from father, and mother: So committing uncleanness, not onely with one of no kin, but with one nigh in bloud; in killing not an unknown person, but against nature, his father, mother, his wife, his childe, himself.

6 Concomitance.

6 What sins accompanied the same, as the making of *Uriah* drunk, and the murdering of him, accompanied *Dauids* Adultery.

7 Signes.

7 What are these *signes* thereof, as the rowling eye, filthy speech and wanton dalliance, are signes of adultery; all such ornaments and vanities of which *Isaiah* speaketh, are ensignes of Pride.

2 Fruits

8 What *fruits* and effects did follow thereupon; as from Will-worship and Idolatry com-

commeth ignorance of God; from this liberty to sin; from this obstinacy; from this contempt of Gods true worship and sincere professors thereof and from this at last comes bloody persecution.

2 In examining, the Justice is to set down the Examination and Confession of the party; so this spiritual Justice, after he hath thus examined his wayes, he is to set it down: This is *Serious consideration* of all his sins and offences, and such a remembrance of them, as may make a man to forsake them, and to turn his feet unto Gods Statutes, as *David* did. The Examination without this, will bee in effect as nothing: This must not therefore bee at any hand omitted.

2 Write the Examination.

Ps. 119. 30

E 4 3 The

3 Binde
over.

True Re-
pentance
follows
sin to the
death.

3 The Justice is to binde some over to prosecute against a Felon at the next Assizes and Goal-delivery ; so doth this spiritual Justice binde over *True Repentance* to follow the Law , and to give evidence against this *felon Sin* , which hee is very ready to do; for it cannot bee, (if a mans judgement be well informed upon serious examination with a carefull and considerate remembrance of all his sins) but that hee must needs perforce bee made to sorrow for them, and upon true repentance, pursue them to the death with a deadly hatred.

4 The
Mittimus.

4 The Justice finding the offender not bail-able by Law, he maketh his *Mittimus* to send him to the Goale, there

there to bee in durance to the next Affizes; So this spiritual Justice doth, for hee knows by the Law of God, that *the reward of sin* (of what kinde or degree soever, greater or lesse, though but in thought) is not bail-able by any man. No man is able to answer God for the least deviation from Gods Law, for if hee continue not in all things which God commandeth, he is accursed.

Rom. 6. 2.
Gen. 2. 17.

Ezek. 18.
20.
Deut. 17.
Gal. 3.

Therefore none being sufficient to lay in-baile to answer God for the sin, nor sin in it self bail-able, he maketh his *Mittimus*, and delivereth it into the *Constables* hand, to carry him to the Goal.

Pl. 49. 7, 8.

The *Constable*, you have heard, is *Illuminated Understanding*.

Mittimus.

The *Mittimus* given him, is the *active power of the well-reformed judgement*, forcing the exercise of the understanding against sin, to finde out remedies to keep it under.

Chiefe
Goaler,
Master
New-man.

The *chief Goaler is Master New-man*, placed over the prisoners, and made the *Goal-keeper* by the Sheriffe, for the prison is his, and hee is to answer the King for them.

Eph. 4:24.

The *Sheriffe is True Religion* wrought in mans soul.

Sheriffe is
true Reli-
gion.
Under
Sheriffe,
Holy Re-
solution.

The *Under Sheriffe* is an *holy Resolution* to performe what the Sheriffe commandeth, and what he is by his Office to do.

If any Prisoner, *Sin*, break out, the *Sheriff, Religion*, must bear the blame, saying, This is your Religion, is it?

The

The Goal is *Subjection*: for faith the Apostle (as if he were the Goaler) *I keep under*; here is the Keeper; *my body*, here is the prisoner, *and bring it in subjection*; here is the Prison. When sin is brought under subjection, that it doth no more reigne, (as it doth in all natural men, but not in the regenerate) then it is put in prison, but not before.

Goal is
subjection

Now the Chief Goaler, Master *New-man*, hath with him three *Under Goalers* to look well to the prisoners, and all little enough; they bee so many and so exorbitantly unruly, ready to break prison daily, if they be not diligently seen unto.

3 Under
Galers.

This Master *New-mans* three Under-Galers are his
Hands,

Eph. 4. 4.
Col. 3. 10.

Hands, his Eyes, and his Feer without which he can do nothing, and they are these which are named by St. Paul in his Epistles.

1 Know-
ledge,
what pri-
soners he
looks un-
to.
Col. 3. 10.

1 Is *Saving Knowledge*; This looks to these sorts of Prisoners: Ignorance especially, wilful error, vaine opinions, jangling Sophistry, false Doctrine, Heresies, Doctrine of Devils, and such like.

2 Holiness
what pri-
soners he
seeth to
Eph. 4. 24.

2 Is *True Holiness*; he looketh to all the transgressours of the first Table, as to Atheisme, Paganisme, Judaisme, Turcisme, Unbeleefe, Desperation, Presumption, confidence in strength, riches, places, policy, and multitude, is also to will-worship, Imagery, meer outward service without the inward, Papistry, and

and all corruptions of Gods worship; likewise to Blasphemy, rash swearing, false swearing, cursing, idle talke of God, contempt of his Word and works, a vicious life. Lastly, to Sabbath-breaking, neglect of publick worship, prophaneſs, persecution of the truth, and to an infinite number of other ſins againſt God, and true holineſs.

3 Is *Righteouſneſs*: This looks to all the ſins againſt the ſecond Table, as to rebellion, diſobedience, murder, malice, adultery, fornication, theft, and couzenage, to falſe-witneſs-bearing, to back-bitings, to diſcontentment, and to all other tranſgreſſions, many and manifold, comprehended under theſe Commandements.

3 Righteouſneſs, what priſoners. he takes care of.

Now

Sins be
unruly.

Now because these prisoners be unruly, if there be not a strict hand kept over them; therefore lest they should at unawares break forth, to the danger of the *Sheriffe Religion*, the Goaler Master *Newman* hath Fetters, Gives, Bolts and Manacles to hold them in, and to have them at command.

Spiritual
Bolts and
Fetters.

And they are these; *Respect* unto the Commandements of God in all our wayes; *Holy meditations*, lawfull *Vowes*, Religious *Fasting*, fervent *Prayer*, and conscionable *Practice* of our Christian duty to God and man. All these are strong chains and links, to keep under, and to fetter the body of sin, and all the fruits thereof, and to hold them in subjection, to keep the whole
man

man in obedience unto God, when they bee fastened and knocked on by the hammer of Gods word, and the effectual power thereof.

Gods
Word an
hammer.
Jer. 23. 29.

But it is not enough thus to imprison them, and to see them bolted, and thus fettered, but also for him to see the Prison be strong; for the Prisons of the best Keepers that ever were, have been broken: Drunkenness brake out from *Noah*; rash and unadvised speeches from *Moses*; Idolatry from *Solomon*; Adultery from *David*; cursing and false swearing from *Peter*.

Prison to
be seen to.

Therefore the *Goal*er Master *New-man*, must looke daily to the prisoners, and to see the prison house sure, and to do this,

Doors of
the Prison
to be fast
locked
with several
Keyes.

I He must see the doors
which

which are his senses to bee shut, and to have a care to lock up *Tast* (that Drunkenness, and Gluttony break not out) with the *Key* of Moderation in eating and drinking. To lock up *Hearing* (that Credulity break not out) with the *Key* of Trying before we trust. To lock up *Seeing* (that Uncleaneness break not out) with the *Key* of Continency, and to bar this door fast also with contentation, that covetousness break not forth.

Lewd
compani-
ons.

2 In the next place he must take heed that no lewd companions lurk about the Prison house, either by day or by night, lest they cast in Fyles, to fyle off the bolts, or picklocks to open the doors, to let the Prisoners escape.

These

These lewd Companions are the *Devil*, the *wicked*, and our own *corrupted Reason*. Their files and picklocks are *suggestions* from Satan, evill counsel from men, worldly, and fleshly Arguments of our own inventions, to make no conscience of sin, but to file off all those bolts, and to open the doors of Senses, that sin may break loose and get out of subjection, to the Goats overthrow and utter undoing, if diligent watch be not kept.

Files and
picklocks.

3 Hee must see to the Walls of the Prison, that they bee strongly built with good stones cemented together. These are Moral Vertues, and Evangelical Graces, by which, as by Walls, our Sinnes, and our natural

Walls
whereof
built.

natural corruptions are kept in. Though Master *New-man* lock and bar the doors, yet if the walls bee weak, the prisoners may get out.

Foundati-
on of sub-
jection.
Rom. 6.

4 And lastly, hee must look well to the Foundation of the house, that it bee not undermined. The true foundation of Subjection of sin, is the power of the death of Christ, and of his Resurrection, in whom by Faith, thorow the operation of his Spirit, by the Word, wee are ingrafted.

This must not bee undermined by the Popish Doctrine of Free-will, and Abilities of our selves to overmaster sin.

All these things well and diligently looked unto, the Prisoners will be kept safe in the

the Goal under *Master New-*
man, untill the time of the
Affizes.

And thus much for the first
part of my Text, the Search-
ing, the Attaching, and Impri-
soning of Sin. The other
part, which is the *Trial*, fol-
loweth.

THE



THE
SECOND
PART.

AT the time of Assizes by the Kings appointment, cometh the *Judge* attended on by the *Sheriffe*, the *Iustices* of the Peace, and such as necessarily are to be there, for the dispatch of such businesses, as come to bee tried and adjudged.

Assizes
the time
of trial.

The *Judge* coming in place, hee hath his *Seat* or *Bench*, and being set, the *Commission* is read.

The *Judge* is a Judge of
Oyer

Judge is
Conscience.

Oyer and Terminer in the Circuit where he is appointed to sit. The judgement here is absolute, without any appeal from his sentence.

The Judge spiritually understood, attended upon by *Religion* the Sheriffe, and the *Under Sheriffe* Resolution, is *Conscience*.

From this Judgement is no Appeal, for hee is in Gods stead, therefore must his sentence stand, and we must submit to it.

Bench is
Impartiality.

The *Seat* or *Bench* on which this Judge sitteth, is *Impartiality*; for Conscience well informed, will judge in Righteousness and Truth, without all partiality, without respect of any person. He regardeth not the rich and mighty, no Bribe can blinde him,

him, neither doth hee pittie the person of the poor, to give for pittie an unjust sentence; but as the truth is, so speaketh hee.

The *Commission* is the active power of Conscience, given of GOD by his Word, to condemne the nocent, or to quit the innocent, except this Commission bee lost.

Sometimes it is lost, as when Conscience is *dead*, as in all ignorant persons, or *seared* with an hot iron, as some mens have been, and are, such as fall from the faith, and are past feeling, by reason of the blindness of minde, and hardness of heart; or else *benumbed*, as in those that fall into some grievous sin, as did *David*, who lay therein, until

Nathan

Commis-
sion active
power of
conscience

Commis-
sion lost, is
the dead,
seared,
or benum-
medness
of consci-
ence.

J Tim 4.2
Eph.4.19.

2 Sam. 12. 7

Nathan found the Commission, and acquainted him with it, when hee said, *Thou art the man.*

Reading
the Com-
mission.

If the Commission be lost the power of Conscience lyeth dead, seared and benumbed, then the Judge can do nothing till it be found; and being found, it is read openly.

The reading of this Commission before the whole County, is every mans *experimental knowledge of the power of Conscience*, by which is acknowledged his Authority, to sit as Judge over every thought, word and deed of man.

Circuit, in
which
Conscience
sits
and jud-
geth.

The *Circuit* of this Judge is his own *Soul*, hee is not to sit and judge of other mens thoughts, words, or deeds, but
of

of the thoughts, words, and
deeds of that man, wherein
he is. A mans owne Consci-
ence is judge of himself; to
judge another is out of his
circuit, neither hath hee any
Authority from the King of
Heaven to enable him so to
doe. Knowledge may goe
out to see and discern of o-
ther mens waies, but Consci-
ence keepeth ever at home,
and sits within to judge of
that mans Courtes, whose
conscience he is. Conscience
only troubles a man for his
owne sins, it cannot for a-
nother mans, but as farre
forth as hee hath made them
his owne, and being accessa-
ry to them by *commanding,*
alluring, counselling, commen-
ding, excusing, defending, or
winking thereat, when hee
F ought

Accessories
to sin.

Oyer and
Terminer.

ought by his place to have punished the same.

This Judge in this Circuit is Judge of *Oyer* and *Terminer*; Hee will hear before he doth judge, and he will truly then judge as he heareth; for as he is impartial in judging, so is hee prudent and careful to know what, and whereof to give sentence, before he doth judge. This is the Judge.

Iustices of
Peace.

The *Iustices of Peace* in the County are there, and doe sit with the Judge, and are in Commission with him. Of these some are of the *Quorum* and of better rank, some are meaner Justices, and take their place lower.

Iustices of
Quorum.

The Justices of Peace in the Soul of better rank, are *Science, Prudence, Providence, Sapience*: the inferiours are
Weak-

Weak-wit, Common-Apprehension, and some such like.

These Justices have their Clerkes there ready with their Examinations and Recognizances. *Justice Science*, his Clerk is *Discourse*: *Justice Prudence*, his Clerk is *Circum-spection*, *Justice Providence*, his Clerk is *Diligence*: *Justice Sapience*, his Clerk is *Experience*: *Justice Weak-wit*, his Clerk is *Conceit*: and *Justice Common-Apprehension*, his Clerk is only *Sense*; a couple of poor Justices.

The Justices Clerks

With the Judge and chief Justices are in Commission, the *Kings Sergeant*, and the *Kings Attourney*.

The Kings Sergeant is *Divine Reason*, a man of deep judgement in the Laws of his Sovereigne, swaying

Kings Sergeant.

Kings Attourney.

much with the Judge.

The Kings Attourney is *Quick-sightednesse* : both are excellent helps and Assistants to search out, and to handle a Cause before Judge *Conscience*.

For *Quick-sightednesse* will soone espy an error in Pleading, and *Divine Reason* will inforce a just conclusion, and so move the Judge to give Sentence according to equity and right. If these should bee wanting, many matters would goe amiss.

Clerk of Assizes.

There is also the *Clerk* of the *Assizes*, the Keeper of the Writs, that hath all the Inditements.

Memory.

This Clerk is *Memory*, which retaineth all those names of every sin, with the nature of the Offence : and what

what God hath in his Word written against them, and what complaints *Repentance* hath made against them.

Besides this Clerk, there is the *Clerke of the Arraignment*, who readeth the indite-ments.

Clerk of
Arraign-
ment.

This Clerk is the *Tongue*, making confession of our sins.

Tongue.

Lastly, there is the *Cryer*.

Cryer.

This is the *Manifestation of the Spirit*.

Before the Clerk of the Arraignment readeth any Inditement, it is first framed by the *Complainant*.

This *Complainant* is true *repentance*, or godly Sorrow.

Complain-
ant Re-
pentance.
Framing
of the In-
ditement.

The framing of the indite-ment is the laying open of Sin, as it may bee knowne and found out to be sin, ac-

Grand-
Jury.

Ignora-
mus, Billa
veta.

according to the true nature thereof.

Moreover, an *Inquest*, or *Grand-Jury* there must be, by whose Verdict the Offender is Indited, and made a lawful Prisoner; yet is this Inditement no Conviction. What these agree upon, is delivered up in writing to the Justices. On the back of this Inditement, framed by the Complainant, they write either *Ignoramus*, or *Billa vera*.

If the former, then the complaint is judged false, it is left in record, but the Prisoner is not indited.

If the latter, the Prisoner is indited, the Inditement read, and the Prisoner brought to the Trial at the Barre.

This

This *Grand Inquest* or Jury, are the *Holy men of God*, whose writings are the Holy Scriptures in the Old and New Testament.

Pen-men
of Scrip-
tures are
the Grand
Jury.

By the Verdict of these, every thought, word, and deed of man, is either freed, or made a lawful Prisoner.

But yet this *Verdict* is no lawful Conviction of particular men, till they bee rightly applied.

If they write upon the Inditement or Bill framed, *Ignoramus*; that is, if the Holy Scriptures of God declare it not to be a Sin, it is no Sin: for *Where there is no Law there is no transgression*. Not the complaints of all under Heaven, not all the Laws of men, Decrees of Councells, the Commandements of

What
Gods Word
makes no
sin, is no
sin.

Rom. 4. 15

F 4 Popes;

False in-
formers
what they
be.

Popes, can make that a Sin, which they write *Ignoramus* upon.

Therefore the Bills of Inditement framed by those false informers before mentioned, *Formality, Worldly Wisdom, Luke-warmnesse, Meer civil honesty, Machiavillianisme, Statisme, Libertinisme, Scrupulosity*; and *Papistry*, against *Christian Conference, Godly sincerity, true Zeal, strict Conversation, Reformation of disorders*, and the rest, are false accusers, and have upon their complaints, written by the *Grand Inquest*, an *Ignoramus*, and therefore by these worthy Justices, *Justice Science, Justice Prudence, Justice Providence*, and *Iustice Sapience*, are not to bee admitted, nor Iudge *Conscience* to be troubled

bled therewith, though all the Popes, the whole Popish Church, all Popish Counsels, and all the Popishly affected Statists in the world plead for them, for that thought, word, or deed, is no sinne, no breach of Gods Law, on which these write *Ignoramus*; Conscience (as it is said) is not to be troubled with such Bills of complaint.

But if these write *Billa vera*, that is, if the holy Penmen have set down any thought, word, or deed for a sin, not all the Popes Dispensations and Pardons, not all the subtrill distinctions of the most learned, no Custome, nor any thing else whatsoever, can acquite it from sin, but sin it is, and so must it be taken as a lawful prisoner to be brought

That which is condemned by God, cannot bee dispenced with by man.

to the Bar, and put upon the Jury of Life and Death.

The Bill being found true, then they proceed unto the Arraignment.

The Prisoners are brought forth chained together, and set to the Barre before the Judge.

Prisoners
sins.

The Prisoners are *Sins* (as you have heard before) the *Old-man*, with *Mistris Heart*, her *Maids*, and *Will* her man.

Bringing
forth.

Their *Bringing forth* is the manifestation thereof by the Goaler, Master *New-man*, Knowledge, Holiness, and Righteousness.

Chained.

• They are chained; for sins are linked together, as Adultery and Murther in *David*; Pride with hatred of *Mordecai* in *Haman* : Covetousness and Treason in *Judas*; Cove-
tousness,

tousnesse, Hypocrisie, and Lying in *Ananias*, and *Saphira*; yea the breach of all the Commandements in the fall of *Adam* and *Evah*. They therefore are brought out *chained together*.

The *Barre* is the *Apprehension of Gods Wrath* due for sin.

The Bar.

After all this, when the Prisoner standeth at the Barre, a Jury for Life and Death is impannelled, who are for the King, and are sworn to give in a true *Verdict*, according to their *Evidence*.

This Jury is a chosen company of excellent Vertues, the fruits of the Spirit, delivered in by the Sheriffe, Religion, to be called, and to be of his Jury in the behalf of the Kings

Petty Jury

Kings Majesty, *Jesus Christ*, to goe upon the Prisoners, the *Fruits* of the *Flesh*, which stand at the Bar.

Their names being given up, they are called as the *Clerk of the Arraignment*, the *Tongue*, nameth them, then the Cryer, *Manifestation of the Spirit*, calleth them one by one to appear, as the Clerk nameth them; and they are these.

Jury called by name.

Acts 15. 9

1 Call Faith. Cryer, *Vous aves* Faith, which purgeth the Heart.

John 5. 5

2 Call Love of God. Cryer. *Vous aves* Love of God, which is the keeping of the Commandements.

Prov. 1. 7

3 Call Fear of God. Cryer. *Vous aves* Fear of God, which is the beginning of wisdom.

4 Call

4 Call Charity. Cryer.
Vous aves Charity, which re-
joyceth in the truth.

1 Cor. 13. 6

5 Call Sincerity. Cryer.
Vous aves Sincerity, which
makes a true Israelite, in
whom there is no guile.

Ioh. 1. 47

6 Call Unity. Cryer. *Vous*
aves Unity, which maketh
men to be of one heart, and
is the bond of peace.

Acts 1. 14,
and 2. 1,
Ephes. 4. 3

7 Call Patience. Cryer.
Vous aves Patience, which
worketh experience, and by
which men possesse their
Souls.

Rom. 5. 4
Luk. 21. 19

8. Call Innocency. Cryer.
Vous aves Innocency, which
keepeth harmless.

9 Call Chastity. Cryer.
Vous aves Chastity, which
keepeth undefiled.

10 Call Equity. Cryer.
Vous aves Equity, which doth
right

right to every man.

11 Call Verity. Cryer. *Vous auez* Verity, which ever speaketh truth.

12 Call Contentation, Cryer. *Vous auez* Contentation, which ever rests satisfied.

Then the Clerk saith, Count.

And so the Cryer saith to them, answer to your names.

Then the Clerk nameth them, and the Cryer telleth or counteth them.

Faith, one, *Love of God*, two. *Feare of God*, three. *Charity*, four. *Sincerity*, five. *Unity*, six. *Patience*, seven. *Innocency*, eight. *Chastity*, nine. *Equity*, ten. *Verity*, eleven. *Contentation*, twelve.

Then the Cryer saith, good men and true, stand together and hear your Charge.

With

With all these Graces should the Soul of man bee endued to proceed against Sinne, wee should be able to say, that wee have them by the manifestation of Gods Spirit, and also to know their power and vertue, and distinctly to bee able to reckon them, and so wisely to esteem them, as the good and true gifts and graces of God; which have a charge given them, which is every grace his proper gift, and all conjoynly have power to discern of any sin, and to give a just verdict thereupon.

This Jury, thus called and impannelled, are commanded to look upon the Prisoners at the Bar, upon whom they are to goe.

This is when wee oppose
Vertues

Graces
wherewith
we should
all be qua-
lified.

The
Charge
what it is.

The Jury
look on
the Prison-
ers.

**Iury of
Vertues.**

**A distinct
knowledge
of sin ne-
cessary.**

Vertues to Vices in our meditation; that so by the excellency of the one, we may see the foulness of the other, and so come to the greater love of Vertue, and to the more deep hatred of Vice. This is the Iury of Vertues profitable looking upon Vices the prisoners at the Bar :

The Prisoners, though they stand together, yet are they to answer one by one.

So sins must distinctly one by one be arraigned : for wee cannot proceed against sin, but upon a particular knowledge thereof.

A general, and so a confused notion of sin (which yet is that which is in most men) will never make a man truly to see how his estate standeth with G O D , and so
to

to bring unto death.

The Prisoners, at the sight of the Jury, and naming of them, have leave to challenge any of them: if they can give good reasons against this or that man, they are put off the Jury, and other chose in their stead.

These Prisoners seeing such a Jury, presently begin to challenge them,

Unbelief he cryeth out against *Faith*, as his Enemy. *Hatred of God*, against the *love of God*, as his Enemy. *Presumptuous sinning*, against the *Fear of God*, as his Enemy. *Cruelty*, against *Charity*, as his Enemy. *Hypocrisie*, against *Sincerity*, as his Enemy. *Discord* against *Unity*, as his Enemy. *Anger, Rage, and murmuring*, against *Patience*, as their

Jury challenged.

What virtues and vices be in opposition.

their Enemy. *Murther, Fighting, and Quarrelling*, against *Innocency*, as their Enemy. *Wantonnesse, Adultery, Fornication, and Uncleanenesse*, cry out against *Chastity*, as their deadly Enemy. *Conzenage, Theft, and Unjust dealing*, against honest *Equity*, as their Enemy. *Lying, Slandering, and False-witnesse-bearing*, against *Verity*, as their mortall Enemy. And lastly, *Greedy Desire, Covetousnesse, and Discontentment*, cry out against *Contentation*, as their Enemy.

All these together challenge the whole Jury, crying out and saying (Good my Lord) these men are not to be of the Jury against us; for your Lordship knoweth very well, and none better, that they

they are all of them our deadly Enemies. Your Honour knoweth that every one of them hath petitioned to the Lord *Chief Justice* very often and importunately, to binde us all to the good behaviour, and to cast us into Prison, as we have been by their means. They have made Master *New-man* the Keeper, and his under Keepers to deal very hardly with us.

Vertue
bindes
corruption
to the good
behaviour.

It is well knowne (my Lord) that *Chastity* procured Master *New-man* almost to famish *Incontinency* to death. Good my Lord, consider of us, these are our most bloody and cruel enemies : Wee appeal to your Lordship, to God, and to all good men that know both them and us, that it is so.

Our

The Prisoners petition to the Iudge.

Our humble suit to your Lordship therefore is, that more indifferent persons may bee chosen to goe upon us, else we are all but dead men. Wee doe know (my Lord) that there are here many other of very good and great credit in the world, fit to be of this Iury, men very well known to your Lordship, and to Master Sheriffe, and the Worshipful Gentlemen. These are men of worth (my Lord) of farre more esteeme every where, than these mean men here, picked out of purpose by Master Sheriffe. These (my Lord) of the Iury are men of small reckoning in the Country. These live scattered here and there, almost without habitation, except in poor Cottages

ges ; so as wee marvell (my Lord) how they can be brought in for Free-holders, hardly any one of them is of any account with men of great estates, and of worth in the Land. Good my Lord, consider of us.

Then the Judge asketh them, what these men be, of whom they speak, and what are their names ?

Then they answer, My Lord, they are these ; *Master Naturalist*, *Master Doubting*, *Master Opinon*, *Master Carelesse*, *Master Chiverell*, *Master Libertine*, *Master Laodicean*, *Master Temporizer*, *Master Politician*, *Master Outside*, *Master Ambo-dexter*, and *Master Neutrality*, all (my Lord) very indifferent men betwixt us and them Gentle-

Indifferent
Gentlemen

men,

men, Free-holders, of great means, we beseech you (my Lord) to shew us some pittie, that they may bee of the Jury.

The Judge informed by those worthy *Iustices of the Quorum* concerning these men so named by the prisoners, and knowing the honesty and good credit of the chosen Jury ; their exceptions against them are not admitted of, and so these indifferent Gentlemen are passed by.

The Clerke therefore is commanded to goe forward, and then hee readeth the *Inditement* of every one in order, one after another, as they be called forth by name, and set to the Barre.

The first which is called out,

out, is the *Old man*.

Then saith the Clerke,
Goaler, set out *Old-man* to
the Barre.

1. *Old-
man Ar-
raigned.*

Then he is brought to the
Barre, and commanded to
hold up his hand, and his In-
ditement is read.

Old-man, thou art indited
here by the name of *Old-man*,
of the Town of *Evahs Temptation*,
in the County of *Adams* consent,
that upon the
day of *Mans fall* in Paradise,
when he was driven out, thou
diddest corrupt the whole
Nature Man, body and
soul, loading all and every of
his Posterity, coming by
generation, with the body of
Sin, making him indisposed
to any thing that is good, fra-
ming lets to any holy duty,
and polluting his best actions,
but

*His Indire-
ment*

but making him prone to all evil, bringing him captive to imperious Luſts, and ſo cauſing him to live in continual rebellion againſt God, contrary to the peace of our Sovereigne Lord the King, Jeſus Chriſt, his Crowne and Dignity.

What ſayeſt thou to it?

Hee pleades not guilty, and ſo puts himſelf to the Trial.

Evidence.

Then the Cryer calleth for Evidence againſt the Priſoner.

David.

Pſal. 51. 5

Then cometh forth David, whoſe Evidence is this, *I was ſhapen in iniquity, and in ſinne hath my Mother conceived me.*

Job 25. 4

Jobs is this: *He cannot be cleane that is born of a woman.*

Iſa. 48.

Iſaiah, his evidence is, *That all are Tranſgreſſors from the wombe.*

wombe. Saint Pauls Evidence is most clear, for being asked what hee could say? Hee answered (My Lord) this *old-man* hath been the death of very many. I have woful experience of him, *a wretched man* hath he made mee, He took occasion by the Commandement to work all concupiscence in mee, Hee deceived mee, and slew mee, wrought death in mee, so that in my flesh dwelleth no good, but when I would do good, evil is present with mee, so that through him, the good I would do, I cannot, and the evil I hate that I doe; Hee maketh war against the law of my minde, and bringeth mee into captivity to the law of sin. Thus (my Lord) is in me the *Body of Death*, from which I desire to bee delivered; and

St. Pauls.

Rom. 5. 15

Rom. 7. 8,
11. 13. 21.
15, 19, 23.

G

this

this is that I can say.

Verdict.

The Evidence being thus clear, the Jury presently, being all agreed, give in their *Verdict*, and being asked what they say of the prisoner at the bar, guilty, or not, they answer guilty.

Then hee asked what hee can say for himself, why sentence should not be pronounced against him?

Old-mans
plea

Pelagius
and Ana-
baptists.

Good my Lord, saith hee, I am wrongfully accused, and am made the man I am not, there is no such thing as *Original Corruption*. *Pelagius* a learned man, and all those now that are called *Anabaptists* (who well enough know all these *Evidences* brought against me) have hitherto, and yet do maintain it, that *sin cometh by imitation, and not by*

by Propagation, and in-bred pravity. Good my Lord, I beseech you, be good unto me, and cast not away, so poor an *Old-man*: (Good my Lord) for I am at this day 5569. years old.

Then said the Judge, *Old-man*, the Evidence is clear, those thou hast named, are condemned Hereticks; and as for thy years, in respect of which thou cravest pittie, it is pittie thou hast been suffered so long, to do so great, and so general a mischief as these good men do witness against thee.

○ my Lord, I beseech you then a Psalm of Mercy.

Old-man, the Law of the King allowes thee not the benefit of the Clergy, for

Rom. 6. 33

The reward of sin is death; This is his Majesties Decree, unchangeable, as the Law of the Medes and Persians.

Object.

Good my Lord, that is meant onely of actual sin, and not of mee.

Answ.

That is not so, for Original sin is sin, and all men know that children dye, that never sinned by imitation, nor actually after the similitude of *Adams* transgression, *And death goeth over all, in as much as all have sinned.* If sin were not in Infants, they could not dye; here therefore thy sentence.

Rom. 5.

The sentence.

Thou (*Old-man*) hast by that name been indited of these Felonies, Outrages, and Murders, and for the same arraigned; thou hast pleaded, Not guilty, and put thy selfe upon

upon the *trial*, and art found guilty; and having nothing justly to say for thy self, this is the Law: Thou shalt be carried back to the place of Execution, and there *bee cast off, with all thy deeds, and all thy members daily mortified and crucified with all thy lusts*, of every one that hath truly put on Christ.

Eph. 4. 22.
Col. 3. 5, 9.

This sentence pronounced, the Sheriffe is commanded to do Execution, which *Religion* by his *Under Sheriffe Resolution*, seeth throughly performed.

The *Executioner* is he that hath put on Christ, *Gal. 5. 24.*

Executioner.

This Prisoner thus proceeded against, the Goaler is commanded to set out *Mistress Heart* to the Bar, who is commanded to hold up
G 3 her

Mrs. Heart
cryed.

her hand, and then is her Inditement read.

Her inditement.

Rom 2, 5.

Eph 4. 18,
19.

Luke 24.
25.

Mistress *Heart*, thou art here indited by the name of Mistress *Heart of Soul*, in the County of the *Isle of Man*, that also upon the day of Mans fall in *Paradise*, thou becamest corrupted, accompanying the *Old-man*, and also *Will* thy man, and hast been so hardened, that thou couldest not repent, and so blinde, that thou becamest past feeling, and hast made men to give themselves over to all lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness, even with greediness, to bee also very slow to beleieve all that the Prophets have spoken; and to be so enraged with choller sometimes, as to runne mercilessly on Innocents to murther them

them, and to cause men most cursedly to depart from the living God. Thou hast been, and art also in confederacy with all, and every evill thought, word, and deed, committed against God and Man. Thou hast been a receptacle of all the abominations of every sin whatsoever, and hast had conference with Satan to lye unto the Holy Ghost; and for greedy gain; at the Devils suggestion, hast set some on work to play the Traitors to the shedding of the innocent blood of our Sovereigne, contrary to the Peace of the King his Crowd and Dignity. What sayest thou to this Inditement? Guilty, or not guilty?

Shee answers, Not guilty, and puts her self to the Trial.

G 4

Then

A& 7. 54.

Mat 9. 4.
& 21. 34.

Ioh. 13. 2.

A& 5 3.

Ioh. 13. 2.

Then the Cryer saith, If any man can give *Evidence* against the Prisoner at the Bar, let him come; for shee stands upon her deliverance, then come in such as can say any thing against her, and first is *Moses*.

Hearra
accusers.

Moses,

Moses what can you say against this prisoner? look upon her, see if you know her.

Pf. 106. 32
33.

My Lord, I know her well enough, she made me, and my brother *Aaron* to speak so unadvisedly with our lips by her passion, that we could neither of us be admitted to go into the land of *Canaan*. This I can say of her, *That every imagination of her thought is onely evil continually*, and that naught shee hath been from her

Gen. 6. 5.
Gen. 8. 21.

her youth up.

Moses having ended , then
saith the Judge, Is there any
more ?

To whom answer is made
Yes(my Lord)there is *Jeremy*
the Prophet.

Jeremy the Prophet looke
upon the Prisoner , can you
say any thing on the behalfe
of his Majesty ? Jeremy.

My Lord , this I can say,
That shee is deceitful above all
things, and desperately wicked;
so that no man without Gods
special assistance can either
finde out her devices, or es-
cape her treacheries. Ier.17 9.

And this moreover I know,
that shee hath been sent unto
and forewarned to wash her
self of her wickedness , and
yet for all this she doth lodge
still ill thoughts in her house. Ier.4 14.

G 5

Yea

Ier. 7. 24.
 & 9. 14. &
 11. 8, &
 13. 10.

Yea (my Lord) shee hath seduced many from God, making them to walk after her evill counsels and imaginati-
 ons, to their utter destructions. And I am truly informed, that there is ever the place where the enemies of their own soules do work their wickedness and mischiefs.

Psal. 58. 2.

Is there any more *Evidences*?

Yes, my Lord, here is *Ezekiel*.

Ezekiel.

Ezekiel, What can you say?

Ez. k. 20.
 28. & 30.
 33. 1.

My Lord, I can witness thus much; such is her lewdness, that shee followed after Idols, and after Covetousness, which is Idolatry, both high Treason and Rebellion against God. Yea so very shamelesly and lawlesly shee carrieth

carrieth her self, that if such lewd companions come not into her, shee will go out, and follow them.

These bee witnesses enow, saith the Judge to condemne her, but is there any other.

Yes my Lord, please you here are more ; here is St. *Matthew.*

St. *Matthew*, What can you say against the Prisoner at the Bar ?

My Lord, I have heard it from the mouth of my *Lord Chief Justice* himself (when I did attend upon him, hee having occasion publicly to speak of her) that *out of the heart do come evil thoughts, Adulteries, Fornications, Murthers, Thefts, Covetousness, Wickedness, Deceit, Lasciviousness, an evil eye, Blasphemy, Pride,*

St. *Matth.*

Mat. 15: 9

S. Marke
Mark. 7.
 21, 22, 23.

Pride and Fooliſhneſs. All theſe evils hee witneſſeth to come forth of her houſe; ſo that it is evident againſt her by his honours undoubted testimony, that ſhee is an harbourer of a company of very bad and unſufferable gueſts. *St. Marke*, here next me, can witneſs as much.

It is very true my Lord. Here is an Harlotry indeed (ſaith the Judge) Jury, if you be agreed give in your Verdict, what ſay you of this Priſoner? Guilty, or not guilty?

We ſay, Guilty, my Lord.

Woman, what canſt thou ſay for thy ſelf, that ſentence according to Law ſhould not bee pronounced againſt thee?

Ah, good, my Lord, take
 pitt-y

pitty on mee, a poor weak
old woman; theſe men ſpeak
againſt me the worſt that
they can, becauſe I would not
be ruled by them. They ſpeak
of malice my Lord. If I have
miſdemeaned my ſelfe any
way, it was by this *Old-man*
my fathers miſleadings. (My
Lord) by whom, I thought,
that being a woman, I ſhould
be wholly guided. But hear
mee (good my Lord) I be-
ſeech you, let not theſe mens
teſtimonies caſt me away; for
I did dwel with as good men,
and better than they are, or
ever were (my Lord) as other
can witneſs, to my great com-
mendations.

Then ſaith the Judge, who
are theſe I pray you?

I dwelt (my Lord) with
King *David*, with King *Solo-*

mon

Hearts
plea for
her life.

Pf. 101. 1.
I Chr. 39.
19, 15, 17.

Neh. 9. 8.
Is. 38. 3.

Ignorant
people
praise
their heart

man, and was in their house held to bee a *perfect Heart*; So was I after accounted in King *Asa's* house. Yea my Lord, with *Abraham* the Father of the Faithful, was I found *faithful*, and such hath been my credit, that I was well spoken of even to God himself by good King *Hezekiah*, That all this is true that I say, I beseech you to aske *Isaiah* the Prophet, as also *Nehe-miah*, and others that have recorded the same.

Besides all these (bee pleased to hear mee, Good my Lord) ask all the Country people, and they wil with one mouth speak well of mee. They have (say they) a good *Heart* towards God, and that ever since they were borne, they never found mee so wicked

ked as these witnesses are pleased to speak. I hope therefore (my Lord) that you will be pleased to be good to me, good my Lord pittie a very old aged poor woman, as ever you came of a woman.

Woman, Woman, for the witnesses against thee, they are without exception, and thy own mouth doth condemne thy selfe, in that *first*, thou doest confess, that thou wouldest not bee ruled by them when these holy men were sent unto thee, and that with special command from his Majesty to see thee reformed. *Again*, that thou doest acknowledge thy self to have been wholly led by the *Old-man*, one now most justly condemned by the Law to be crucified.

The Ind-
ges speech
to her.

As

Mat. 13.
Luke 18.

The heart
is twofold.

Sanctified

Corrupt.

As touching *Dauids* heart,
Solomons heart, *Aſa* his heart,
the faithful heart of *Abra-*
ham, and the upright heart of
Hezekiah, never an one of
theſe was thy ſelf, thou doeſt
lewdly ſeek to deceive by
equivocation, and to beguile
the ſtanders by with thy *tricks*
of *Jeſuitical* couſenage. True
it is, that there is great com-
mendation of an *Heart*, and
the ſame to be an honeſt, and
good heart, an upright heart,
a faithful heart. But woman,
this is the heart ſanctified and
purged by faith in all thoſe
that are born anew of water
and the Holy Ghoſt; but this
is not that which thou art, the
natural and corrupt heart:
Thou art that commendable
heart in name onely, but not
in quality, therefore thy boa-
ſting

sting is vain, thy pleading subtilty, verifying *Jeremiahs* evidence of thee, that thou art very deceitful.

As for the vulgar praising of thee, it is through their own self-love, and foolish self-conceit, and their utter ignorance of thee, that maketh them to speak so well of thee. Thou dost therefore but trifle away the time, and trouble the assembly.

As for thine age, it procureth thee no pittie at all; because thou hast beguiled, undone, and bewitched so many. Thine age should have taught thee better things, but thy obstinacy in wickedness would not suffer thee. Hear therefore thy sentence.

Thou *Mistress Heart* hast been indited by the name of *Mistress*

Sentence
against
M^{rs} Heart.

Her pu-
nishment

Prov. 4. 23.
Heb. 3. 12.

Mistress *Heart*, of those Fel-
lonies, Murthers, Conspira-
cies and rebellions, and for
the same hast been arraigned:
thou hast pleaded not guilty,
hast put thy self to the trial,
and been found guilty, ha-
ving nothing justly to say for
thy self. This is the law. Thou
shalt bee carried back from
whence thou camest, and
there live condemned to per-
petual imprisonment under
Master *New-man* the Keeper
without Bail or Mainprize.
Goaler take her to thee, look
to the prisoner, and keep this
Heart diligently, and take heed
lest there bee at any time in you
an *Heart of Infidelity* to depart
from the living God. Mr. *She-*
riffe Religion, and the *Under*
Sheriffe Resolution, do see
it performed very carefully
and

and speedily according to the sentence given.

After Mistress *Hearts* arraignment, and condemnation, *Wilful Will* is commanded to the Bar, and to hold up his hand, and his Inditement was read.

Wilful Will, thou art indicted by the name of *Wilful Will*, of the Town of *Free*, and in the County of *Evil*, that thou partaking with *Old-man*, and lewdly living at the bent of Mistress *Heart*, hast been a Champion for them, ready to act all their villanies, and upon every motion of theirs, or any sollicitation of those her harlotry Maids, her passions, hast from time to time gathered together all the powers thou couldest make within this *Isle of Man*,
to

Will arraigned.

to raise rebellion, and by force and arms hast often attempted to rush in, and upon his Majesties *Garrison*, appointed for the safe keeping of the Town of *Soul*, and so of the whole *Island*, and thereby hast given occasion to the enemies to seek to invade the same, contrary to the peace of our Sovereign Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity.

What sayest thou to this Inditement, **Guilty**, or not guilty?

His answer was, Not guilty (my Lord) and so put himself upon his trial by God and the Country.

Then were witnesses called out, and the first of them was the Captain of the *Garrison*, which was one Captain *Reason*.

Witnesses
called out.

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The Captain coming before the Judge, was asked what hee could say for the King, against the Prisoner at the Bar?

My Lord, saith hee, by my Sovereignes appointment, I was made Captaine of this Garrison in *Soull*; and his Majesty also was pleased to place this Prisoner in the same for his service, but yet under me, and at my command, and not to do what hee himselfe listed.

Captain
Reason.

But hee having conceited himself to bee free, and not under controlement, and being grown *Full*, hee hath by the bewitching of *Mistress Heart*, and her Maids, endeavoured to bear all the sway, treading downe with contempt all my lawful commands,

Reasons
and argu-
ments to
convince

mands. I made many *fortifications* against his violent courses, to restrain his out-roads, lest thereby hee should have made way for his Enemies breaking in upon us, to the danger of the whole Island; but all these fortifications very often he hath defaced, and by the force of strong passions, hee hath borne them down before him, without any regard of supreme or subordinate authority whatsoever. He may well (my Lord) be called *Wilful Will*, for except he be more under subjection, neither I his Captaine, nor ever an Officer in the whole band, will bee obeyed, yea, assuredly (my Lord) if hee be not curbed, the whole Town of *Sonl* will bee overthrown, and all the Island fall

fall into the Enemies hand ,
to the great dishonour of his
Majesty. And this is that
which I have, for the present,
to say. My officers, if it please
your Lordship to have them
called, can say very much a-
gainst him.

Then saith the Clerk, Cry-
er , call in Captain *Reason*
Lieutenant.

Whats his name, saith the
Cryer ?

Hee is saith the Clerk, cal-
led *Discourse.*

Lieutenant *Discourse*, come
into the Court, *Vous aves* the
Lieutenant.

The Lieu-
tenant his
witness.

Lieutenant, what can you
say touching this *Wilful Will*,
the prisoner at the Bar ?

My Lord , my Captaine
and I have had many occasi-
ons of much conference up-
on

on every ſerious buſineſs, into which this Priſoner hath often intruded himſelf, and thereby hath greatly hindred our deſignments. For ſay wee what wee could, hee would have all things go after his pleaſure, and only to ſatiſfie the luſt of Miſtreſs *Heart*, and ſome of her drabs, on whom hee hath attended, and by whom he hitherto hath been too much ruled, and I may ſay, moſt ſtrangely bewitched, having no power to deny them any thing.

Our *Ancient* (my Lord) can further inform you.

How call you him, ſaith the Judge?

Hee is called (my Lord) *Profeſſion*.

Then ſaith the Cryer, *Ancient Profeſſion*, come into the Court

Court, *Vous aves Profession.*

Ancient, What can you say
for the King against the Pri-
soner at the Bar?

My Lord, when I bare my
colours of a *holy conversation*,
and displaid the same in
Word and *Deed* before the
company, he hath attempted,
and that not seldome, to
rend and tear them; and this
not only within our selves,
but sometime also before,
and in the very sight of the
Enemy hath sought to de-
face my colours, through his
violent disposition, untamed
nature, with the help of enra-
ged passions, to my utter dis-
grace, and not to mine only,
but to the whole *Band* of
good qualities, gifts, and gra-
ces in the Town of *Soul*.

So heady he is, and so per-

H versly

The An-
cient his
witness.

versly bent to his owne will, that hee never regardeth for the present what may happen afterwards. Our two Sergeants can more at large discover him, if it please your Lordship to hear them: Here they stand by me.

What doe you call them, saith the Judge? My Lord, saith the *Ancient*, the one is, Sergeant *Unity*, and the other is Sergeant *Order*, worthy Souldiers (my Lord) and very serviceable for good government. Sergeant *Unity*, come in, What can you say of this Prisoner?

Sergeant
Unities
witnesse.

My Lord, when all the whole Band lovingly, as one man, were obedient in all things, he upon every least discontent did Mutiny, and endeavoured to set us at odds one against another.

another. He hath adhered to secret Conspiracies of inbred Corruptions; yea, and hath not been only found to favour, but also to stand for, and to grace our open enemies, even Satans suggestions, and the pomps and vanities of this wicked world; to whom he hath bin so serviceable, as if he had been a prest Souldier for them, forgetting his Faith and Allegiance to his owne Sovereaigne. If hee be not (my Lord) suppressed, hee will at the length be our utter overthrow. My fellow, Sergeant *Order*, can say more.

Sergeant *Order*, What is that you have to witnesse against the Prisoner?

My Lord, whensoever he commeth out of that lewd

Sergeant
Order
witness.

Compa-
nions to
Willful
Will.

Harlots house, *Mistris Hearts*, and from among her young Strumpets, he is so enraged, as hee behaveth himselfe more like a savage beast than a man : all is by him put out of order, our Captain cannot rule him, especially when he hath gotten a pestilent fellow, one *Obstinacy* to accompany him, and another cogging deceitful Companion, called *Shew of God*, to hearten him in his forward courses and bad intisements. Of himself he is ill enough, but these (my Lord) make him uncapable of good Counsel, or of the best advice that our Captaine can give him.

Where are , saith the Judge, these fellows, why were they not apprehended and

and brought in hither with him?

My Lord, as soon as hee was attached & brought under authority, they both presently fled; Our Captain *Reason* made diligent search after them, but could not finde them. For my Lord, these Companions durst never appear with him, but when they knew him to be wholly bent to his owne will, and when they *were* very sure *our* Captain had not strength enough with him to *withstand* them, otherwise they would keep close & not apparently be seen to countenance him. If order might bee taken for apprehending of these, there would be some hope of better government in this prisoner, if he hap to bee released.

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Upon this the Judge gave order to Master *Sheriffe*, to his *Under Sheriffe*, and to all the Justices of the Bench for the speedy apprehending of these two lewd & rebellious companions. Then the Cryer was commanded to call in one witness more, which was one of the Corporals of the Band, whose name was *Discipline*, who being there attending, presently appeared.

Corporal
Disci-
plines wit-
nesse.

The Corporal being at the Barre, it was demanded of him what hee could say more than had been spoken?

My Lord, saith he, though very much hath bin spoken, and that most truly against him, yet have I more to say than hitherto hath been spoken by any of them. It is well known,

knowne, my Lord, to the whole *Corps de Garde*, how unruly hee hath beene after the setting of the watch, such conceit hee hath ever had of his freedome (my Lord) that my very name hath been odious unto him. He hath gotten such liberty, that hee could never endure to bee disciplined, our armes he hath taken, and made them often unserviceable.

Will is a great hindrance of spiritual warfare.

Our *Powder* of holy affections hee hath damped, the *Match* of fervency of spirit he hath put out: the *small shot* of Spiritual ejaculations hee so stopped as in time of need they would not go off; of the *Sword of the Spirit*, the Word of God, he quite took away the edge: he brake the *Helmet* of *salvation*, bruised the *Breast-*

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plate

plate of Righteousness, the *Shield* of Faith he cast away, and unloosed the *Girdle* of verity. The *points* of all the *pikes* of divine threats by presumption he so brake off, as they had no force to prick the *Heart*. He would (after the Watch was set) of himselfe without the Word goe the round, and divers times meeting the *Gentlemen of the round*, holy *Meditations*, and divine *Motions*, he would stop their passages, and turn them back again. And not seldome hath he fallen upon the *Centinels*, quick apprehensions, and put out their eies, so as they could not, if the *enemies* had approached, have discerned them. My Lord, by his wilful unruliness, & by his obstinate Masterfulness, he hath often endangered

dangered the whole *Island of Man*, the lower part called *Corps*, and the higher called *Soule*, and in a manner delivered them into the enemies hand. For the common *Souldiers*, the powers & faculties of both are too often sway-
ed by him, to follow him in his rebellious courses. And therefore, my Lord, if he be not suppressed and brought in obedience to our worthy Captaine, hee will surely at the length yeeld this his Majesties right into the hands of Forraigne powers, which daily watch to have by him some opportunity to invade us. They have (my Lord) often assailed our *Castle of Confidence*, raised upon the Mount of *GODS* mercies, hoping only upon his

H s help

help to make a breach therein, and entring to cast us out, wee therefore beseech your Lordship to have justice against him.

Then saith the Judge, you ask but right, and that which in my place I am bound to yeeld you, without respect of persons.

Honest men of the Jury, you have heard what all these Gentlemen have witnessed against him, if you be agreed of your Verdict, give it in, what think you of the prisoner, guilty or not guilty?

They answer, guilty, my Lord.

Then the Judge turneth his speech to the prisoner, *Wilfull Will*, thou hast heard what all these have witnessed against thee, what canst thou now say for

for thy self, why the sentence of Death should not now be pronounced against thee :

My Lord, I am a Gentleman free borne, and ever like a Gentleman brought up in liberty. And though I was in some sort to bee ordered by Captaine *Reason*; yet I ever held my self his equal, and stood upon my freedome of chusing or refusing, or of suspending the action. Hee had no authority to enforce mee further than it pleased my self. I have always been a free man (my Lord) from servile obedience to any man, and owe subjection to none but only to my Sovereigne. I cannot deny but that Captaine *Reason* hath offered daily to advise mee, and I have not ever wholly rejected his coun-

Will
speaks to
the Judge.

counsell : If you have at any time miscarried , it was through the lewd Mistresse *Hearts* deceiveablenesse, and the violence of these her passionate affections mis-leading me, for want of deliberation before I either chused or refused the thing objected before me.

I doe here (my Lord) ingeniously confess the truth of all that which these Witnesses have spoken against mee , for which I heartily crave pardon.

I also do freely acknowledge that I stood too much upon my birth and gentry, as too many at this day doe, having never a good quality besides to brag or boast of. I took it for granted , that my gentry stood in idleness, pleasurable

Abuse of
birth and
Gentry.

surable delights, Hawking, Hunting, and haunting Taverns, drinking of Healths, whiffing the Tobacco-pipe, putting on of new and variety of fashions, in Hat and in Hair, in Cloathes and in Shoo-ties, in Bootes and in Spurres, in Boasting and Bragging, in Cracking of Oathes, in big looks, great words, and in some out-bearing gestures, the formes of Gentry : which I verily suppose should sufficiently of it self have borne me out, in all my extravagant courses, in my licentious liberty, and lascivious wantonnesse in *Mistresse Hearts* house, through which I was brought into all these rebellious disorders, for which I justly deserved my Soveraignes
indig-

indignation, of whom I humbly crave mercy and forgiveness, Good (my Lord) take pittie upon me.

Judges
speech to
Will.

Wilfull Will, I am sorry that thy deserts are no better, being so well borne, and that thou hast so abused thy Gentry to thy shame and confusion, through thy vaine mistake, and foule abuse of the conceit of Gentry, which consists of noblenesse of spirit, honourable endowments of mind, praise-worthy qualities, and serviceable employments for the King and Country; and not in such base conditions as thou hast named unfitting altogether true Gentry, being indeed the fruits either of degenerating spirits from the worth of their Ancestors, or the property of new upstarts, never

True Gentry
what?

never having had the right breeding of true Gentry, nor the understanding of the true qualities of a Gentleman indeed.

But seeing thou art humble and penitent, and mayest doe his Majesty good service hereafter, thy deserved sentence shall bee deferred off, till his Majesties pleasure bee further knowne concerning thee: yet in the mean space, thou art to be bound to thy good behaviour, and be carried back againe, to remaine under the custody of Master *New-man*. Goaler, take him to thee, and see him forth coming whensoever he shall be called for.

Then said he, I humbly thank your Lordship, and so bowing himself to the Bench,

Bench, hee is carried away from the Barre, to the place from whence he came, to remaine Prisoner untill he should bee released,

After he was removed, the Goaler was commanded to set Mistresse *Hearts* Maids to the Barre. But upon deliberation they were sent to Ward againe unto another time. The reason was, for that two great *Traytours* and *Rebells*, chief amongst the Damned crue, were presently to bee arraigned, which would take up the allotted time before the Court should break up, and the Bench arise.

Two Capital sins.

These two were *Covetousnesse* and *Idolatry*, Capitall Theeves, pestilent mischievous

chievous againſt God, his
Worſhip and Service, againſt
the Church, and againſt the
Common-weale.

Covetouſneſs was joyned
with Idolatry, becauſe hee is
alſo called Idolatry. Now all
other Priſoners removed, &
the *Iudge* with the *Bench* rea-
dy for theſe, the *Clerk* wil-
leth the *Cryer* to command
the *Goaler* to ſet *Covetouſneſs*
to the Bar, which the *Goaler*
doth forth-with.

Then ſaith hee unto him,
Covetouſneſs, hold up thy
hand, and hear thy Indite-
ment.

Covetouſneſs, thou art
here indited by the name of
Covetouſneſs, in the Towne
of *Want*, in the County of
Never-full, that from the day
of thy firſt being thou haſt
been

Col. 3. 5

Covetouſ-
neſs tryed.

His In-
dicement.

1 Tim. 6.

10.

Mich. 2. 2

been the root of all evil, having made some to play the Theeves, others to commit Treason against our Sovereigne Lord the King, others to Murther Innocents for their inheritance. Thou art also here indited for Bribery, extortion, oppression, usury, injustice, coufenage, unmercifulness, and a multitude of outrageous Villanies : besides thy hindring men in holy duties and means of Salvation, forcing them head-long to their destruction, contrary to the peace of our Sovereigne Lord the King, his Crowne and Dignity.

What sayest thou to this Inditement, guilty or not guilty?

He answereth, Not guilty (my Lord) and so hee puts him-

himſelf upon the trial.

After this the parties that can give Evidence are called in, and firſt *Repentance* is commanded to produce his Witneſſes.

The firſt evidence againſt him is repentance.

Repentance, what can you ſay?

My Lord, ſince the Priſoner was committed to priſon, and put into *Ward*, ſome of my Witneſſes are dead, as *Achan*, *Ahab*, and *Judas*.

Then ſaith the Judge, look the Records *Clerk*, and read them.

My Lord, I read here that *Achan* confeſſed, that by *Covetouſneſs* hee was moved to look upon a wedge of Gold, and ſo coveting, ſtole it, and with it a Babylonish garment, to the death and deſtruction

What evil Covetouſneſſe hath done, Joſh. 7.

1 King. 21.

struction of him and all his, also I here find, how through *Covetousness* *Ahab* longed for poor *Naboths* Vineyard, and so eagerly, as hee fell sick for it, because he could not have his will. But *Jezebel* procured by his leave and liking the death of *Naboth* and his sons, and so got possession of the Vine-yard. Moreover, I finde here, that *Judas* confessed how hee betrayed the innocent bloud of our *Saviour* through *Covetousness*, & desire of money. This is all the Confession, my Lord, in the *Records*.

Then the Judge willeth the *Constable* and his Assistants which were at the apprehending of him to be called, who made their appearance.

Constable, what can you say, and those that were with you

you against this Prisoner at the Bar.

My Lord, when we went to make search for him, he hid himselfe so close, as we had much adoe at first to finde him in Mistris *Hearts* house; who had almost perswaded us that he had not been there, until I learned it from *David* the man of God, whom I had found petitioning the *Lord Chief Justice* for a warrant of the good behaviour against the *Covetousness* of the Heart. Then thought I *certainly* hee is here in this house: for if *David* feared to have him in his heart, that gave so many millions of gold & silver, 3300. Cartload of *Treasure* for the building of the Temple, can I think him not to bee here? I sought therefore diligently

may

It troubles and darkens the understanding.

David's care to prevent covetousness, Psal. 119. 36.

Without diligent search, it is hard to finde out our Covetousness

my Lord, and found him, but before I could attach him, he was got into a darke corner, and attempted to blow out my Candle-light, and to have escaped me. But I and my Company took ſuch diligent heed to him, as he could not get from us: yet before wee could binde him, and bring him away, hee endeavoured to miſchieve as many as came neer him, and would by no means obey my Warrant, as the reſt here, my Lord can tell if you pleaſe to hear them. Then began every one of them to ſpeak.

*Cares
complaint,*

Care complained, that he had almoſt choaked him with the world and worldly buſineſſes, ſo as hee had no leaſure to minde heavenly things.

Clearing

Clearing accused him that he had so undermined his understanding at unawares; as almost hee had broken the neck of his good name and reputation, of his Profession and Religion.

Clearing
accuseth
him.

Indignation complained, that hee had well nigh lost his life by him: for whereas before hee could not behold Sinne, but with an holy anger; now profit of Sinne, through this cursed Covetousnesse; made him look cheerfully upon it, and heartily welcome it for profits sake.

Indigna-
tion com-
plaineth.

Fear complaineth, that he did bewitch him: for said hee, whereas before I was tender-hearted, and trembled at Gods Word, desire of gaine made me loath to lose my

Feare
speaketh
against
him.

Vehement
deſire hurt
by him.

my commodity, though I got it with Sin.

Vehement deſire did greatly complaine of his violent ſetting upon him, to make him eager after earthly things, ſo as he could hardly take any reſt.

Zeal blun-
ted.

Zeale complained, that he ſtruck himſelfe hard upon the head, as the blow made him in hope of gaine, almoſt without ſence of Gods glory, which before he preferred above all things in the world.

Revenge
made
weak.

Laſtly, *Revenge* complained that the Priſoner had attempted to murder him, and ſo wounded him, as whereas before he could maſter Sin, now he was growne ſo weak, as any gainfull ſin was able to maſter him, and

to

to bring him under command.

When these had spoken what they could, the rest were brought to give evidence, and these also were men of very good account, and of great worth in their Country; *Master Church*, *Master Commonweal*, *Master Household*, *Master Neighbourhood*, and *Master Good-work*, who having answered to their names, they give in evidence one by one.

Other
witnesses
produced.

Master Church, what can you say against the Prisoner at the Bar?

My Lord, I am not able to reckon the particular mischiefs hee hath done against me. There falleth never a Benefice of any reasonable value, but hee sets many to

Master Church
his witness.

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run

run and ride after it, and to offer largely for it, and maketh some *Patrons* Theeves, and to admit many an *Ignoramus* into the charge and cure of Souls; and many a Minister to be a perjured Simonist before God. He maketh not a few to heap up means, not onely for maintenance, but also to make themselves great; and many which come in freely to neglect the care of their flocks, and to seek after their fleeces, to care to bee rich, and to follow so after the world, as that either they give over to preach, or do make them preach at home very idly, seldome and unprofitably, though abroad either for their hire, or applaudity more diligently and commendably.

When

When people come to Church (my Lord) hee marreth their devotion, and halleth their soules out of the Church, to make them to be walking their grounds, talking with their friends, plotting busineses, and to be going some journey, to bee at some Market or Fair, to bee counting their debts, following their debtors, reckoning up their loan upon Usury, their profits and gain, here and there, not without fear of losses. And all these things (my Lord) with many other worldly thoughts whilest their bodies are in Church.

When people come from the Church, he choaketh the seed of Gods Word, that it thriveth in very few, and of these few, it is more in talke

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People
hindred
by Cove-
retousness
in the
Church.

Mat. 13.
People
hindred
coming
out of the
Church.

than in practice. He keepeth (my Lord) many from the Church, causing them to set the Lords Day apart, not for his service, but for their worldly affaires, because they will not take another time for hindering their profit in the week dayes.

Much more (my Lord) I have to say, but I am loath to be too tedious.

You Master *Church* have spoken sufficiently and enough to condemn him.

Call Master *Commonweal*.

Master *Commonweal*, what can you say on the Kings behalf against the Prisoner at the Bar?

My Lord, this man hath entred so far into all businesses,

Master
Common
weal his
accusati-
ons.

nesses, as hee hath almost utterly undone mee. Hee propoundeth Offices to sale, and so maketh the buyers to sell their Duties for profit to make up their monies. Hee hath monopolized commodities into his hands, inhanced the prizes of things, to the great grievance of the Kings Subjects. Hee (as your Lordship well knoweth) hath miserably corrupted the course of Justice, by Bribery, by making many Lawyers plead more for Fees, than honestly, for the equity of the cause, by delaying the cause, by removing it from one Court to another, till men bee undone. Hee hath, to get his desire, suborned false witnesses, counterfeited

Evidences, and forged Wills
 Good my Lord, let some order be taken with him, else he will utterly bring me to ruine and all mine for ever.

Call *Master Household*.

Master Household, what can you say concerning the Prisoner ?

Mr Household
 hold his
 witness.

My Lord, this wicked *Covetousness* keeps holy exercises out of private houses; hee will not let Parents have any time to instruct their children, hee maketh Masters use their servants more like beasts than men, they are so wholly imployed in worldly businesses; as for their soules there is no care taken, but they are left to live as soulless men. Hee causeth niggardly house-keeping, and over labouring of servants. He breedeth

breedeth much contention, chiding, and too much use of ill language by Mistresses and Dames, yea between men and their wives in their Family, to the great grieve, and ill examples of their children and servants.

Yea (my Lord) hee hath made children to be cruel to their Parents, brethren and sisters to hate one another, neer of kindred and blood to go to Law one with another, for and about dividing goods, lands, and inheritances; yea, I can witness this, that he hath made them murder one another: Children their Parents, Husbands their Wives, and one brother another. It would be too long to particularize, how great evils, and how many wayes he

Cruelty
of Cove-
nousness.

hath injured me and all mine. But because other witnesses stand here by me, I will trouble your Lordship with no more complaints at this time.

Call Master Neighbourhood.

Friend, What is it that you can say touching this prisoner?

Master

Neigh-

bourhood

his witness is

My Lord, this unhappy man hath altogether disunited mens affections, so as in our Town there is very little love; hardly will one do another a good turn freely, but either it must be one for another, like for like, or in certain future hope for gain. This wretch hath almost banisht all friendly society; every man is so now for himself, as he neglecteth his neighbour almost

almost wholly. Hee maketh them trespass one another, to rob cunningly one another in buying and selling, and to fall out with bitter rayling, and unneighbourly languages for a penny loss, and causeth many suits and brabbles. We are (my Lord) indeed miserably disquieted, and almost utterly undone by him. For (my Lord) we were a company of very good neighbours till hee became *Landlord*: Here dwelt *Amity, Kindness, Gentleness, Love, Peace, Charity, Patience, Goodness, Ready good will, Forgetfulness of wrongs, Sociableness, Good turns, and Joy*, but most unjustly by his cruelty, and wrong dealing hee hath displaced them, and brought (my Lord) a company of in-

Good
neigh-
bours and
peaceable.

Gal. 5.
Ill neigh-
bours and
very un-
quiet.
Rom. 2.

1 Tim. 3.

The best
kindnesses
of the Co-
vetous.

No harm.
the best
man a-
mong the
Covetous.

fernal spirits, for so I thinke
I may without offence call
them, which are these : *Ha-
tred, Malice, Envy, VVrath,
Anger, Churlishness, Discord,
Niggardlinesse, Sturdinesse,
Strife, Debate, Variance, Emu-
lation, Sedition, Wrangling,
Fraud, Deceit, Malignity, De-
spight, unnaturalness, Implac-
ableness, Unthankfulness,
Fierceness, Highmindedness,
Self-love, Make-bate, and Un-
mercifulness.* The best that
hee brings in (my Lord) are
*Costless Complements, Faire
Speech, How do you do, Good-
morrow, Good-even, Glad to see
you well, word-welcome, Will you
drinke, Farewel, Yours to com-
mand, and such like; also one
Little-good, with another cal-
led Soon-lest, and amongst
these No-harm, is greatly
com-*

commended; but never a *Good man* amongst them, much less any *Too good* to be found in the Parish, except more in name than in deed. And this is that which I have to say my Lord, at this time.

Call out Master *Good-work*.

Master *Good work*, What can you say touching the Prisoner?

My Lord, there hath been so much spoken that I need say nothing; yet none have more just cause to complaine than I have; for he hath endeavoured to his utmost to root me out, and all my posterity, *Bounty, Liberality, and Hospitality*.

My Lord, we by reason of him, daily stand in fear of our lives; all the Country cryeth

Mr. Good-work his accusation

Covetousness an enemy to good works.

crieth out of him in their love to us who well know how often hee hath attempted to murder us.

He hath put out of joynt both the armes of my Son *Bounty*, and almost broken the back of my Sonne *Liberality*, that hee hardly at any time goeth upright, and all know this, that hee hath violently set upon my Son *Hospitality*, and forced him out of doors, and in his stead hath let in *Pride of apparel*, *Sumptuous building*, *Affectation of vain Titles*, whom hee hath made to shut the doors, perswading them that to maintain their state, they must increase their revenues, by new purchases, by racking of rents, by inhancing their fines, and incomes, all little enough.

nough to uphold their outward state, and vain pompe abroad. And this (my Lord) is that which for the present I have to say.

Then it was asked if all were come in, that should give Evidence?

Answer was made; My Lord, here is onely one man more, poor *Poverty*, brought hither by authority to give Evidence, may it please you hear him.

Call in *Poverty*.

Poverty. What canst thou say against this Prisoner at the Bar?

Good my Lord, I have reason to curse the day that ever I knew him, and hee onely it is that hath brought mee to this poor state.

Poverty
his grievous complaint against *Coroniness*.

The Co-
verous are
unmerci-
ful in
seeking
their own
gain.

I was a man of some credit, my neighbours well know, till I had to do with him, who would lend mee nothing but upon Usury, and that upon great bonds and morgage of lands; and so greedy a Wolf was hee upon his prey, that if I missed but one day of payment; hee would take the benefit of the Morgage, or forfeiture; or if he forbore longer, I payed him by presents and gifts so much with the use, as made me to groan under the burthen, feeling my self in an irrecoverable Consumption. Sometimes too to keep day with him, I was inforced either to buy for time, or else to sell something out of hand to make ready monies; either of which was as bad, or worse than

than the biting of Usury, for when *William Greedy* a brother of his, or also *Gain* his Cousin perceived my need, Oh how did he in selling for time extort from mee, and in buying for ready money press mee! So that to escape a whirle-pool, I fell into devouring gulfs, and thus hee undid mee.

And being not therewith content (wo unto him) when I became Tenant (my Lord) who was before a good *Freeholder*, he put into our *Landlords* heart to depopulate our whole Parish of *Wealth*, (for so it was called) and there instead of many honest inhabitants and good house-keepers, hee set a Shepherd and his Curre to feed his flocks. This also is hee (my Lord)

It depopulateth
Parishes.

Covetous
will give
nothing
but by
Law.

Lord) that maketh men of fair lands (which might live well on their own revenues and demeanes) to take Farms into their hands, and to drive out such as had been merciful relievers of their poor neighbours. In our poor estate we have sought to him for reliefe, but instead of comfort, he hath railed on us, threatned to whip us, and to send us to the *House of Correction*. Nothing will he do for us, but what by Law he is enforced unto, though he keep his Church, and can sometime also talk of Religion. Hee beggers all of us (my Lord) on work hee will not set us, and yet will not suffer us to seek abroad for reliefe. Hee never seeth us, but his heart riseth against us. Hee rather will

will adventure his own damnation, than part with one penny, except it bee to go gay, to buy and purchase for him and his. Yea (my Lord) that all may know his merciless cruelty. When we have wanted reliefe, and begged of him, he hath counselled us to shift for our selves, and steal out of the stacks of Corn in gleaning time for bread, to break hedges, to steal wood or coal in the night to make us fires, to pluck sheep, or sheer off their wooll for cloathing, to rob Orchards for fruit, to steal Geese, Hens, Ducks, Pigs, and Sheep, for flesh meat, to coulsen men that set us on work, and to make us poor people hateful to God and man. For hee careth not

Covetousness
provoketh to
Theft.

not (my Lord) so as he may not be charged any way what wee do; or what becometh of us.

And yet to make up the height of unmercifulness, he will be the first, if we of meer extream need do amiss, that will cry out against us and pursue us to death. This hath ever been his course hitherto (my Lord) consider rightly of us, and pittie our case, I beseech you good my Lord.

Poverty, thy case indeed is to be pittied: *Fury* you have heard the *Evidence* of all, what say you of the Prisoner at the Bar, Is hee guilty, or not guilty?

Fury, Guilty my Lord.

Covetousness, Thou hast heard what all these witnesses have laid to thy charge, and

and spoken against thee, what canst thou say for thy selfe, why sentence upon these honest mens verdict should not be pronounced against thee?

My Lord, I stand for my life, let it please you with patience to hear mee: And first touching this impatient, ingrateful out-crying fellow *Poverty*; it was not I my Lord, when he was wealthy, but his then daily and only Companions, *Sloth, Carelesnesse, Prodigality, Goodfellowship, Gogay, Good chear, Wantonnesse, Improvidence, Little worke, and Many mouthes*, which (my Lord) cast him into a Consumption, and like Canker-worms consumed him quickly. I confesse hee came to me often to borrow, but when I saw his vaine courses of expence,

Covetous-
ness plea
against
Poverty.

What
makes
men poor.

Excuses of
the Cove-
tous in
lending.

pence, I was very loth to lend to him, but that he so earnestly intreated mee, even with tears in his eyes, oftentimes protesting, that I should greatly pleasure him, yea and save him, and his estate from ruine, if I would do him that kindness to lend him in his need.

Thus (my Lord) was I moved and drawn on to lend him according to the Statute, onely I took good security, because I perceived him to bee wasteful. Advantage I never took, but onely when I saw that hee was an idle fellow and careless, and would never keep day, then I would only threaten him to terrifie him (my Lord) and if he then brought any kindness to my wife, it is more than

than I know of, and more than I deſire of him.

Sometimes he would offer to ſell me the land morgaged to mee, when hee could not pay, and told mee that of neceſſity he muſt ſell it, and if I would not, another ſhould buy it. Then I thought my ſelfe as worthy to have it as any other in all reaſon.

In buying

For my threatning of him and his company, when they went a begging: True it is becauſe I ſaw, that as they had conſumed themſelves, they thought to relye on me, and ſo in like ſort have eaten me up too; for idly had they lived, and work they neither could nor would. And whereas they accuſe me that I compelled them to ſteal, herein they very much wrong mee
(my

In not giving.

(my Lord) for it was their *Love to live idly*, and their *Pinching neceſſity*, which led and inforce I them to fall to ſhifting and ſtealing, and not I my Lord.

In depopulating
TOWNS.

Touching their *Landlords* depopulating of the *Town of Wealth*, they their own ſelves were the very cauſe thereof, for that worthy Knight and my Kinfman, Sir *Worldly wiſe* when hee ſaw how ſome by ſuits of Law, others by drunkenneſs and riot, others by pride and idleneſs did waſte their eſtates, ſo as they were neither able to till their land, nor to ſtock their grounds, hee bought their eſtates, one after another, and ſo left them to buy or hire for themſelves elſewhere. And when thus they had removed them-

themselves, hee sought the welfare of the *Commonweal*, which was to hold up cloathing (my Lord) the chiefeſt means here to ſet the poor on work, which cannot bee without Wooll, and Wooll cannot be had without flocks of ſheep.

Pretence
of publick
good.

If this worthy Knight, and good Commonwealths man took any advice of mee, it was for publick good. Good my Lord, conſider that *Pover-ty* is impatient, ever complaining, and very unthankful to his beſt friends, if they do not alwayes ſupply his wants.

You know this (my Lord) to be true, and all the Worſhipful Juſtices of the Bench.

Touching *Maſter Church* his accuſation; unworthily doth hee lay the faults on me for

His an-
ſwer to
Maſter
Church.

What
makes Mi-
nisters to
run so for
livings.

for when any do ride post so for Benefices when they bee fallen, they are set on (my Lord) by *Perking Pride*, sometime by *Neighbour-need*, and all of them by Master *Haste*, to get the living, and by Master *Fear* to come short of it. It was never I that made them offer such sums of monies to Patrons (for it is my manner to advise my friends to be ever sparing of their purses) but it was their over forward friend, Master *Hope to prevail*, that counselled them to make such proffers.

Who
makes Mi-
nisters so
negligent.

I am not (my Lord) the cause of any Ministers negligence in his *Function*, but a couple of base loytering fellows dwelling with such Ministers, commonly called (my Lord)

Lord) the Parsons men *Ease* and *Idle*, by whom such Ministers are too much led.

If the people profit not under those that bee painfull Ministers (my Lord) the fault is not through mee; but the fault is in in-bred *Ignorance*, *Dulness*, *Old-man*, *Mistress Heart*, and *Wilful Will* her man, and *Maids* hating to bee reformed, *Dislike of Teachers* either for the person or Doctrine. *Want of love of the Truth*, *Contentedness to live and dye in Ignorance*, and the very *Devil himself* (my Lord) their utter enemy. These ought to bear the blame (my Lord) and not I.

For Master *Commonweal* (my Lord) I marvel that hee should thus abuse

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me,

Who hinders people from profiting under the word,

Psal. 50.
1 King. 2.
Josh 6.
Mar. 13.

Answer to
Commonweal.

mee, and wrong mee, for (my Lord) hee knows well, that I have many wayes enriched such as belong unto him; his cunning *Merchants* in trading, and his crafty *Lawyers* in pleading. I have holpen many a mean man to a great estate, and many a base birth to bee counted of the *Gentry*. Forward have I been to help all sorts of every estate, of every profession, and of every trade and course of life, and must I now bee questioned for my life?

Answer to
Household.

Concerning Mr. *Household*, he hath no reason of all others to blame me; for I taught him how to be wary in his house-keeping, how to manage his estate for his best thrift, how to advantage himself in buying and selling Corn and Cattel,

Cattel, how to let and set,
and hire grounds to graze and
fat cattel, and (my Lord)
I ever sought his profit in all
my courses. He hath no cause
thus to accuse mee to your
Lordship. He had never got-
ten up to have maintained so
great a Family, but by mee. I
raised his Father from a base
Cottage to be a Free-holder,
and so himself to bee Master
of a great Family and house-
hold. If any such evils have
happened under him, as hee
complaineth of, let him ac-
cuse *Unnaturalness, Impati-
ence, Unruly Passions*, and such
like make-bates, and withall
the *Suggestions of Satan*, which
do set men on such mis-
chiefes, and not mee (my
Lord.)

What
makes de-
bate in a
Family.

For Master Neighbourhood,

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Answer to
Neigh-
bourhood

Bad Soci-
ety.

hee may of all other be asha-
med to accuse me so, because
hee hath lived much better,
and nothing worse by mee
(my Lord) for I caused to
bee removed from him and
his neighbours, in their
often and idle meetings
(which they pleased to call
Good-fellowship) a Compa-
ny of very Unthrifts, *Waste*,
Ryot, *Prodigality*, *Drunken-*
ness, *Gluttony*, *Idleness*, *Care-*
lessness, *Needless-Expence*,
and a rout of very Rascals,
with reverence bee it spo-
ken (my Lord) I taught
him, and all such as hee is, a
better way to live, and a
more thriving course, to
look diligently to their e-
states, and to take good cour-
ses, to save, to get, and to
increase their meanes. As
first

first having abandoned such lewd company before named, in the next place I advised them to put away their bad men-servants, *Slack* and *Slothful*, *Careless* and *Wastefull*, *Gor-belly* and *Tosspot*, *Weak* and *Way-ward*, *Love-bed* and *Drow-sie*, *Light-finger* and *Lurching*, *Gamester* and *Goe gay*, *Slip-string* and *Wanderer*, *Scape-thrift* and *Spendall*, and such like unprofitable Hindes. And withall to rid themselves in like manner, of all their bad Maide-servants, such as these. *Pranker* and *Prattle*, *Wanton* and *Love-sicke*, *Steepy* and *Slugge*, *Sweet-lip* and *Dainty*, *Gadding* and *Forgetfull*, *Green-sicknesse* and *Tender*, *Drivell* and *Slut*, also and above all the

Bad Men-servants.

Bad Maid servants.

Chare-women, and her daughters *Pocketing* and *Filch*, with all their fellows.

Thrifty
man ser-
vants.

And instead of these (my Lord) I commended unto them a company of Men-servants worth entertainment, all one mans children, the sons of mine honest Neighbour *Good husbandry*; as *Care*, and *Fore-cast*, *Make-haste*, and *Wary*, *Thrifty*, and *Pinch*, *Advantage* and *Hold-fast*, *Cunning*, and *Catch*, *Watchful* and *Boysome*, *Homely-fare*, and *Mean-clad*, *Clouted shoe* and *Patch*, *Up betimes* and *Labour*, *Last up* and *Trusty*, *Getting*, and *lock-fast*, *Spend little*, and *Get much*, *Take time*, and *Lose nought*, *Debless*, and *Gain*, with such other profitable servants.

And because I knew that
Maid

Maid-servants answerable to them were as necessary, I advised the best I could to provide such also, the daughters of *Good housewifery*, as *Eager* and *Spare*, *Quick* and *Nimble*, *Trusty* and *Timely up*, *Healthful* and *Chaste*, *Ever doing*, and *Silent*, *Witty* and *Pliant*, with other of the like nature, helpful to uphold a mans estate. By which good counsel of mine (my Lord) *Neighbourhood* liveth now richly, and not beggerly, *Need* knocks not daily at his door, either to beg or borrow, as he was wont to do.

Profitable
Maids.

Concerning the last man *Master Good-worke*, hee hath least cause of all other to complain; for that same which hee pleaseth to call in mee *Oppression*, *Usury*, *Extorti-*

Answer to
Good.
work.

on, and what not, have built many a faire *Almes-house*, many a goodly *Hospital* in the Land (my Lord) and have also given by *Will*, many a large legacie to the poore, and much to publick uses.

Covetous-
ness a Ro-
man Ca-
tholick.

My Lord, when I was a *Roman Catholicke* in our Fore-fathers dayes, none was then in more grace and favour with all the *Clergy* than my selfe. By mee the holy Father the Pope greatly increased his Treasury, by my Counsels the *Pre-lates* gat up to such an infinite wealth, and to such glorious Dignities; by mee (they making Religion a cloak for mee to put on) they got such stately houses for their dwellings, and for the

the variety of their orders,
built in the best places of e-
very Nation, and such year-
ly Revenues as did exceed
for their certaine mainte-
nance.

Good my Lord, let it please
your Lordship to think bet-
ter of me, than these men pro-
cured for witnessers have been
suggested, for falsely have
they spoken against mee.
Good my Lord, good my
Lord, do mee right I beseech
you

Stand up, stand up Fellow,
I have heard with patience
these thy verbal Apologies;
thy subtile shifts to acquit
thy selfe, thy faire shewes
to winne thee credit, if it
were possible thereby to
procure thine own release;
But know, that yet for all

Judges
Speech.

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that

that thou hast said the inditement against thee standeth firm, and the Evidence against thee is good, which here my brethren the Kings Sergeant, and the Kings Attourney, and these worthy Gentlemen, Justices of this County, likewise affirm.

It is very true which your Lordship saith.

Good (my Lord) before you pronounce sentence against me, as you bee a righteous Judge, hear me, but this once more.

What hast thou to say yet for thy self?

• My Lord, I am indited by a wrong name, my name (my Lord) is *Thrift*, and not *Covetousness*, as all this while my Adversaries have born your Lordship in hand.

Then

Covetousness would finde an error in the inditement

Then the Judge asked Justice *Sapience* where his examination was? The Justices Clerke called *Experience*, brought it forth and read it; in which his name was found to bee *Covetousness*, and that by the witnessses of his neighbours, to whom he was very well known.

Fellow, saith the Judge, why dost thou deny thy name?

My Lord, I do not deny it, for my name is *Thrift*, but when I got up some wealth, the envy of my neighbours gave mee this other nickname; and so common it grew, by their so often calling mee, as I lost my other name among them. But there are divers of my honest neighbours which love mee, and are glad of my welfare, they

The Covetous will be only held thrifry.

they have told mee, that my name formerly was *Thrift*, and they do assure mee that I am untruely called *Covetousnesse*.

Then saith the Judge, who bee these, and what are their names ?

Who they
be that
call Cove-
tousness
only
Thrift.

My Lord, one is *Master Fair-speech*, a loving kinde man; and another is *Master Soothing* his kinsman, both of them my familiar friends, whom I have often invited and welcomed to my house. Also many other of my good neighbours do affirme as much to mee, as my neighbour *Needy*, *Retainer*, *Dependant*, *Workman*, *Hireling*, *Tenant*, *fear-man*, *Faint-heart*, *Leath to offend*, *Claw-back*, and *Fawning*; for though some of these bee but poor men, yet

I have ever known them all
to bee so honest, that they
have hated to flatter mee.
There are besides these (my
Lord) other very substan-
tial Gentlemen, as *Master*
Lucre, *Master Bribery*, *Master*
Oppression, *Master Hard-deal-*
ing, *Master-Scrape-good*, *Ma-*
ster Niggard, *Master Pinch-*
poore, *Master Extortion*,
Master Base-minde, *Master*
Chub-rich, *Master Usury*,
Master Hard-heart, *Master*
Love-good, *Master Suck-in-*
gaine, and *Master Gripe-*
hard: All these (my Lord)
and other moe of my
good friends, have much
marvelled, that I would
suffer my selfe to bee so
falsely called *Covetousnesse*
by these my Accusers, my
ever hatefull and malici-
ous

**Enemies
to Cove-
tousness.**

**What the
Covetous
may doe**

ous enemies, such as is *Master Pitty, Master Reliefe, Master Liberality, Master Bounty, Master Hospitality*, with certaine lewd companions, such as *Careless, and Wastefull, Pride, and Prodigality, Idle, and Belli-cheer*, with the like haters of my thriving, and provident courses; For I have heard some Preachers say, that hee which provideth not for his Family, is worse than an Infidel, and I would be loath to bee held such an one, that am a Christian man. And (my Lord) if it please you to hear me, and also to beleeeve me, I have ever hated Covetousness, for I keep my Church, I say daily my prayers, and now and then, as I may attend it, I hear Preachers, yea such as bee held of the nicer cut,
ever

ever rayling againſt the Coverous. I have been Patron of many a good Benefice, and have ever given them freely; and if it hapened that I reſerved out of them any Tithes, it was then upon my Chaplains thankfullneſs, and onely upon an honeſt compoſition. I have given almes now and then, I have not been altogether ſo ſtraight handed to the poor, when I ſold or let any thing, as often as I did, the price ſet upon the ſame ever was ſo reaſonable (as my *Stewards* and *Bayliſſs* told me, for I truſted them) that if one would not give the money, another would. If in houſe-keeping I have been any whit ſparing, it was onely warineſs to avoid Riot, Exceſs, Drunkenneſs, and Gluttony,

Coverouſ-
neſs hath
fair pre-
tences.

tony, which every honest man hateth. If the poore (so many as came) were not all relieved, it was for that I saw beggers to increase thereby, and so I may do more harme than good by my almes; for while some came from farre, for an almes, or a penny, they might have earned at home in that time perhaps two-pence, yea a groat sometimes, making their going and coming a whole dayes labour. I gathered (my Lord) what I have gotten, by Gods blessing, and great paines taking, for present, and for future maintenance of my self, my wife, and children after mee, and I meant withall, when I dyed, to have given something to the Church, something to the poore, and

a new ard, to a Preacher, to preach my Funeral Sermon, and ſomewhat more, perhaps, to other good uſes.

Good my Lord, I beſeech you conſider of mee, I have ever had a good minde to wrong no man, but onely have ſtriven carefully and honeſtly to thrive in this hard world; and if all my courſes be never ſo ſtrictly obſerved, they will onely prove mee to bee *Thrift* (which is my right name) and not *Covetouſneſs*: It hath been my ill happe, though I have done good deeds, to be very wrongfully abuſed, either by ſuch as have envied my good proſperity: or by ſome railing Tenants, or by ſome bordering neighbours that cannot buy of me, how, when, and what they liſt,

The Covetous will juſtifie themſelves

list, at their own prizes; or by some unthankful persons not satisfied according to their humours, though rewarded above their deserts. Good my Lord, be good unto me, and be not carried away with the words of my malicious envious Accusers.

Fellow (saith the Judge) but that I onely fit to judge, and not to be thy accuser, I could tell thee; *first*, that those thou hast before named, to prove thee to be *Thrift*, and not *Covetousness*, are either flatterers, or fearful to displease thee, or wretched men, companions in evil like thy selfe; And therefore their witness is nothing worth: *Next*, that all thou hast alledged concerning thy Religion, thy almshouse deeds, thy house-keeping, and the

One may
be covetous,
and yet do
many
commendable things

the reſt, do not clear thee of *Covetouſneſs*; for the Scribes and Pharifees would pay Tythes, faſt weekly, make many and long prayers, yea they heard *John Baptiſt*, a ſevere Reprover of ſin, and Chriſt Jeſus too, who ſharply reprehended them: They would give almes, adorn Sepulchres, and do many things which thou doſt come far ſhort of, and yet were they very covetous. The young man that came to Chriſt, and ſtood upon his wel-doing towards all men, and that from his youth up; yet was hee a Mamoniſt, and truſted in his riches. There were certaine Jewes as one Prophet telleth us, who would hear Sermons, ſeem to delight therein, ſhew love to their Teachers

Mat. 6.
Mat. 23.

Luk. 16.
14.

Mat. 29.
Mark. 10.
24.

Ezek. 33,
30, 31.

chers in word, and speak to others to go and hear them, yet their hearts followed after their covetousness. In a word, the carriage of thy own speech uttered in thy owne praises, favoureth strongly of Covetousness. But as I said, I will not bee both an Accuser, and thy Judge: Wee will heare witnesses for the King in this point also; Call in witnesses.

Then the Clerke willeth the Cryer to call in one *Master Prooffe*, and one *Master Signes*.

Master Prooffe, and *Master Signes* come into the Court, to give Evidence against the Prisoner at the Barre, or else you forfeit your Recognizances, *Vous Aves Master Prooffe*

Proof, and Master Signes.

Master Prooffe stand up to the Bar, that my Lord may hear you : Give roome there.

Then saith the Judge, *Master Prooffe* looke upon the Prisoner, do you know him ?

Yea (my Lord) I have known him from a childe ; his name is *Covetousness*.

But he denieth it now, saith the Judge, and calls himself *Thrift*.

My Lord, hee of late is grown ashamed of his name, but neither is, nor ever was ashamed, either of the nature or practice of *Covetousness*, as I and *Master Signes* here doe well know, and are able to make good against him.

Then

Then you hold not his name
to be *Thrift*.

No verily (my Lord) though he hath pretended it to cover his odious, though very true name; yet it is not to be denied (my Lord) but that one *Thrift* dwelt where he now dwelleth, and indeed, he is a slip of *Thrift*, and thus it was.

Thrift
turned
basely co-
vetous and
how.

This *Master Thrift* was once Steward to three worshipful Gentlemen, *Master Liberality*, *Master Bounty*, and *Master Hospitality*, and carried himself very commendably in their services, and afterwards for himself, when he came to be an house-keeper, untill he fell in acquaintance with a very pestilent subtil base Pettifogger, who gave him such bad counsel,

The Devil

as unhappily brought him to fall into familiarity with one *Diſtruſt*, and ſuddenly to marry a daughter of his called *Not content*. Through this his unhappy Father in Law ever urging, and his unquiet wives ſolicitation, hee was much altered in his nature and condition from that which he was before. Of this woman *Not content* hee had divers children, among the reſt, *Care*, *Fear*, *Spare*, *Hard-fare*, *Toylſome*, and withall, one called *Gain*: Thoſe former Sons were ſoure, ſad, lumpiſh, forward, and very unquiet: But this laſt *Gain* was a pleaſant youth, and often made his Parents very merry, and therefore though they neglected not the other, yet their chiefſt delight was ſet upon this.

This

The pedigree of Covetouſneſs, ſhewing the true proof thereof, in whomſoever it is.

This Son they ſo cockered, and made ſo much of, as they ſuffered him to ſet his love upon one *Coveting*, a very harlot, and withall the baſe daughter of *Deſire*, upon which filthy harlotry hee begot this fellow *Covetouſneſs*, the priſoner now at the Bar: who when hee was but a very babe, ſo continually lay ſucking at his mother *Covetings* breasts, as ſhee had not milk enough for him, and therefore with her husband *Gaines* conſent, ſhee put him to be nurſed, and nourished up of one *Greedy*, the wife of *Money-love*; Now ſo it fell out, that theſe two had a daughter called *Hope to increaſe*, to which hee at ripe years was married, who between themſelves, as alſo by the helpe of their

their Parents , on both ſides of his Parents, *Gaine* and *Coveting*, and of her Parents , *Greedy* and *Money-love*, they did grow rich and very great. And ſo inſatiable hath hee been ever in getting , as hee juſtly deſerveth to be called *Covetouſneſs*, his very true and proper name. And this is that which I have to ſay (my Lord) and I hope it may give the Jury ſatisfaction, that hee is not indited by a falſe name.

If you have ſpokeñ *Maſter Prooſe*, then Cryer call in *Maſter Signes*, ſaith the Judge.

Maſter Signes, ſaith the Cryer, ſtand up to the Bar.

Then the Judge asked him, if he knew the Priſoner?

My Lord, ſaith hee, I have known this man of a long

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time

time, his name is *Covetouſneſſe*; he was ſo born, and brought up as *Maſter Prooſe* hath witneſſed to your Lordſhip, and to the Jury.'

But (ſaith the Judge) you have heard him deny that this is his name, what evident tokens can you therefore decipher him by, that the Jury may know him to be the very man?

Pro. 28. 11

My Lord, though I know him to bee blinded with *Self-love*, and with an over good conceit of himſelfe, as rich men commonly bee, ſo ſaith *Solomon*, as alſo that hee is flattered by ſuch, as he himſelf hath named to your Lordſhip, that he will never believe what I ſhall ſay; yet will I deliver undoubted tokens to the Jury for them to know afſuredly

furedly, that hee is the very
 man, according to his name ;
 a right Mamonist. For my
 Lord, he cannot deny that he
 was ever content with his e-
 state, *Heb. 13. 5.* but through
 the love of money, which he
 coveteth after, he hath labo-
 red and made haste to be rich
1 Tim. 6. v. 9. Prov. 23. v. 4.
Prov. 28. 20. and never would
 be fatisfied, *Eccles. 5. 6, 10.* nor
 have enough, *Isa. 56. 11.* For
 as riches increased, so hee set
 his heart upon them, *Psal. 62.*
10. His chiefest joy was be-
 cause his wealth was great, &
 because his hand had gotten
 much, *Job 31. 25.* he hath re-
 ceived silver, rather than in-
 struction, and gold rather
 than knowledge, *Prov. 8. 10.*
 His trust was in his riches,
Prov. 11. 20. Jer. 48. 7. His

Signe, of
 a Cove-
 rous per-
 son.

wealth was his strong City,
Pro. 10. 15. and as a high wall
in his conceit, *Prov. 18. 11.*
Greedy hath hee been of
gaine, and through his gree-
diness, hath hee troubled his
own house, *Prov. 5. 27.* By
chiding, chafing, turmoiling,
pinching fare, and such like
means; Hee hath increased
his estate by unjust gain and
oppression, *Pro. 28. 8.* and *22.*
16. Gifts hee hath loved and
received, *Pro. 29. 4. Isa. 1. 23.*
In his abundance hee hath
not had power given him to
live plentifully, *Eccles. 6. 2.*
but hath spared more than
needeth, *Prov. 11. 24.* He hath
eaten upon other mens la-
bours, *Isa. 3. v. 14.* and his
Neighbours labours hee hath
used without recompence.
Jer. 22. 13. for he alwaies only
looked

looked to his own waies, and
to his own gaine, *Isa. 56. 11.*
Studying to joyn house to
house, and field to field, that
hee might bee alone, *Isa. 5.*
v. 8. Hee hath built houses by
unrighteousness and wrong,
Fer. 22. vers. 13. Hee hath
made dishonest gain, *Ezek 22.*
v. 13. 24. And gotten greedily
by extortion, *Ezek. 22.*
v. 12. His eyes, and his heart
were onely for covetousness,
Fer. 22. v. 17. Besides all these
(my Lord) hee hath suffered
the cares of this world, and
deceitfulness of riches to
choak the Word of God,
that it hath been without
fruit in him, *Mat. 13. 22.* Hee
never devised liberal things,
Isa. 32. 8. not to despise the
gain of deceits, *Isa. 32. v. 8.*
Any proposition tending to

Mat. 19.

cost was ever displeasing to him, and like the young man in the Gospel would hee goe away heavily, as one grieved to part with his goods. As an *Abab* hee never could see a *Naboths* vineyard lying commodiously for him, but hee eagerly gaped after it. If hee gave to the poor, and to good uses, it was of necessity, not freely, 2 *Cor* 9.5. sparingly, and not bountifully, nor cheerfully, and of a willing minde, pleading not to be so rich as men took him to bee, *Prov.* 13.7.

When
doth a
man hate
Covetous-
ness.

And whereas this man saith, that he hath ever hated Covetousness (as indeed hee ought to have done) *Prov.* 28. v. 16. Surely if hee had, then would hee (my Lord) with *David* (one that bestowed infinite

infinite treasures to holy uses) have prayed against the Covetousness of his own heart, *Psal. 119. 25.* He would have been more liberal, more bountiful, more given to hospitality, and more ready to good works, than he hath been hitherto. He would be like *Cornelius* giving much almes, *Act. 10.* My Lord, I have known him to watch opportunity to get advantages both of rich and poor: If *Master Liberality, Bounty, Hospitality, Good-work, Church,* or *Commonweal* did ever imploy him, hee then would make gaine of them all to himselfe: Where hee found any good fellows for his turne, as *Waste, Prodigality, Pride, Idle, Needy, or Simple,* as long as they had any
L 4 thing,

thing, hee would speake kindly to them, offer to lend them upon Pawns or Morgages, till hee had undone them, which hee that hateth Covetousness would never have done.

To bee short (my Lord) all the witnesses produced already, with the just complaint of poor *Poverty*, proclaime his name to bee *Covetousness*, yea (as your Lordship hath well observed) his own speeches and practices, cry shame against him.

Would a man hating Covetousness, commend the practice of Sir *Worldly-wise* as he hath done?

Would he commend, and entertain his service, *Cunning* and *Catch*, *Advantage* and *Hold-fast*, *Rack-rent* and
Over

The cruelty and
bifeness
of Covetousness.

ver-reach, Make-much and
Pinch-hard, Spare-purse and
Niggard, Hard-fare and Churle
Cold-welcome and VVish-rid,
Scarce-drink and Farewel, with
a company of base Hang-bies,
such as these, Slip-thrift and
Poor-wage, Lack-means and
Loyterer, Tag and Rag, with
So-live and Or-begon. If Co-
vetousness did not over-sway
him, hee would surely aban-
don all such contemptible
companions, which are ever
a disgrace to *Liberality*, *Boun-
ty* and *Hospitality*, such fel-
lows as these afore-named,
they scorn to have abiding in
their Mansions.

I have been (my Lord) some
what too long I fear mee, but
I hope, I have satisfied your
Lordship and the Jury, and
spoken but that which is truth

Maſter Signes (ſaith the Judge) you and *Maſter Proof* have performed the parts of honeſt men.

Sirra, firra, thou that haſt ſo impudently denied thy name, here before the face of thy Country, being ſo clearly proved againſt thee every way, what canſt thou yet alledge for thy ſelf, that now the ſentence of death ſhould not be pronounced againſt thee?

Good my Lord, a Pſalme of mercy.

What canſt thou, ſo notorious a Traytor to God, to his Church, to thy King, and to thy Country, now imagine to reap any benefit by thy Clergy?

Good my Lord, I pray your Lordſhip of mercy, good my Lord.

Fellow

Fellow hold thy peace, and hear with patience thy juſt deſerved judgement.

Covetouſneſs, thou haſt been indited by the name of *Covetouſneſs* of all the foreſaid Felonies, Cozenages, Oppreſſions, and Murthers, and for the ſame thou haſt been arraigned; thou haſt pleaded not guilty, and haſt put thy ſelf upon thy trial, and been found guilty, having no more to ſay for thy ſelf, this is the Law.

Thou art to bee counted *Idolatry* before God, and alſo the root of all evil, and ſo damned a ſin, as not to be named amongſt Chriſtians, and that ſuch as by thee are made covetous, are to bee abandoned of all good men, as of God they are abhorred, being

The ſentence againſt Covetouſneſs

Eph. 5.3.

I Cor. 5.

psal. 10. 3.

Ro. 1. 19,

3.

Eph 5. 5.

Col 3. 5, 6

ing worthy of eternal death; and have no inheritance in the Kingdome of Christ and of God, but upon them must come the wrath of God, as upon the children of disobedience. Thou art therefore as a rotten member of the flesh to be mortified, and cut off.

Master Sheriffe, do Execution, which the *Under Sheriffe* seeth performed.

Goaler, set *Papistry* to the Bar.

Papistry, hold up thy hand.

Papistry
insinued.

Papistry, thou art here indicted by the name of *Papistry* of the City of *Rome*, in the County of *Babylon*, that thou being a bastard Christian, begotten of Heresie, Judaisme, Paganisme, hast by violent force and armes invaded the territories of the Church of
God,

God, and by *Spanish inquisition*, bloody *Massacres*, stabbing, *poysoning*, and killing of *Kings*, *Gun powder plots*, *Treasons*, *Rebellions*, and other *bellish practices*, usurped authority, and thrust upon Gods people their humane traditions, inventions, superstitions, will-worship, Heresies, Jewish ceremonies, and Paganish Idolatry, to the damnation of many Christian soules, contrary to the peace of our Sovereigne Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity, what saiest thou hereunto, art thou guilty, or not guilty?

Not guilty, my Lord.

By whom wilt thou bee tried?

By God and the Country.

But (good my Lord) let me have another Jury chosen, I do

*Papistries
Petition.*

do not except againſt the former Jury, *Faith, Love, Fear, Charity, Sincerity, Patience, Innocency*, and the reſt, but (my Lord) though they be honeſt men, and have well diſcharged themſelves in their verdict upon other Priſoners, yet have they not ſuch judgement and underſtanding as others have, to diſcern of my cauſe, and the truth of the Evidence which ſhall bee brought againſt mee.

Papiſtry, becauſe neither thou, nor any of thy *ſlanderous Favouriteſ* may ſay, that thou haſt been proceeded againſt rigorouſly and unjuſtly, without reſpect to the truth of the cauſe. I am content to call a new Jury, if here we can have ſo many as will make up the number.

I hum-

I humbly thank you (my good Lord) God reward your Lordship for it.

Master Sheriffe, impannell a new *Fury* of very substanti-
all men, the chieftest you can
finde, and fittest to go upon
this Prisoner now at the Bar.

My Lord, I supposed, that
as hee would crave, so from
your Lordships uprightnes
hee should obtain this favour,
therefore have I prepared a
full *Fury* to this purpose.

It was done wisely of you
(*Master Sheriffe*) let them bee
called.

Cryer, Call in the *Fury*.

1 Call *Common Principles*.
Vous aves *Common Principles*.

2 Call *Apostles Creed*, Vous
aves, *The Creed*.

3 Call *Second Commande-
ment*, *Second Commandement*
come in.

My

A Jury a-
gainst Pa-
pistry.

My Lord I cannot get in.
What's the matter?

My Lord (saith the Cryer)
the *Papists* keep him out.

Command to let him in,
Vous aves, the *second Com-*
mandement.

4 Call *Pater noster*, Vous
aves, *Pater noster.*

5 Call *Holy Scriptures*,
Vous aves, *Holy Scriptures.*

6 Call the *Apocrypha*,
Vous aves, *Apocrypha.*

7 Call *Councils*, Vous a-
ves, *Councils.*

8 Call *Ancient Fathers*
for the first six hundred years
after Christ, Vous aves, *An-*
cient Fathers.

9 Call *Contradiction* among
themselves, Vous aves, *Con-*
tradiction.

10 Call *Absurdity of Opinion*,
Vous aves, *Absurdity o' Opinion*

11 Call

11 Call *Consent of their own men*, Vous aves *Consent*.

12 Call *Testimony of Martyrs*, Vous aves, *Testimony of Martyrs*.

Count, saith the Clerk.

Then the Cryer bids them answer to their names.

Common Principles, one; *Creed*, two; *Commandements*, three; *Pater noster*, four; *Holy Scriptures*, five; *Apocrypha*, six; *Councels*, seven; *Fathers*, eight; *Contradiction*, nine; *Absurdity*, ten; *Consent of their own men*, eleven; *Testimony of Martyrs*, twelve; Good men and true, stand together, and hear your charge.

My Lord, here are some more summoned by Master Sheriffes authority.

Who be they Master Sheriffe?

Master

By these twelve means Papistry may be confuted.

Mr. Law
and his
sons.

Master *Law* with his Sons,
Civil, Canon, Common, and
Municipal.

Well, let them attend the
Court for the Kings service,
for use if need bee.

Papistry, if thou canst justly
except against any, I give
thee leave to challenge any
such of the *Fury*.

Good my Lord, onely one
of the *Fury* I except against,
which is *Holy Scriptures*, ex-
cept it be our own Translati-
on.

Holy
Scripture
is by Pa-
pistry
chiefly ex-
cepted a-
gainst.
For Papists
may bee
confuted
by their
own trans-
lation.
See my
book of
Rhemes
against
Rome.

Well saith the Judge, I am
content it shall be so, let it be
either *Montanus*, or the *Rhe-
mist*, or the *Vulgar Edition*;
wee desire a just proceeding
with all the indifferency that
may bee.

Then the Cryer calleth
aloud; If any man can give
Evidence,

Evidence, or can say any thing against the Prisoner at the Bar, let him come in, for hee stands upon his deliverance.

Here is my Lord, a worthy Gentleman Mr. *Verity*.

Master *Verity*, come near, what can you say concerning the Prisoner at the Bar?

My Lord, this I am able to justifie; First, that hee hath been a *False-teacher* from the beginning, fraught with error and heresies, teaching as the False-teachers did, such as be recorded in Scripture, if they were paralleld together, as the *Doctrine of Devils*, 1 Tim. 4. 1, 2. *Traditions and Commandements of men*. Mat. 15. 2. Mar. 7. 8, 9, 13. Col. 2. 22. *Venial sins*, Mat. 23. 16, 18. *Childrens neglect of Parents*

for,

Mr. *Verity* gives evidence against Papistry. Like false Teachers in doctrine.

1. Reader mark the doctrine of false Teachers of old, and Papists now.

2.

3.

4.

- for Churches profit, as they pretended, *Mat. 15. 5. Mark 7. 11.*
5. *Superstitious observation* in meats and holy daies, *Mat. 15. 11. Col. 2. 16. 21. laying heavy burthens upon the people,*
 6. *Luke 11. 46. Justification by works,* therwith troubling the Churches, *Gal. 2. 18. & 3. 2. & 5. 4. 12. Voluntary Religion and Will worship,*
 8. *Col. 2. v. 18. 23. The Worship of Angels,*
 9. *Col. 2. 18. Carnal liberty,*
 10. *2 Pet. 2. 19. Rev. 2. 15. 20. And Teaching for filth by Lucre,*
 11. *Tit. 2. 11.*
- Thus are they, as were the false Teachers (as the Scriptures in the New Testament set them out) like in all these things.

How like they are (my Lord) to after Hereticks, learned *Whitaker* in his book *De Ecclesia*, in the first Question,

on, ſheweth in many particulars.

Secondly (my Lord) hee hath used the very ſame *Practices* which False Teachers have used; hee doth to make way for his Doctrine, Worſhip and Advancement, even as they did. They played the Hypocrites in outward humility, in *long prayers* and formes of Devotion, and ſo miſſed ſilly women. They graced their Doctrine with ſhew of *Fore-fathers*. They *took away* the Key of Knowledge, and neither would enter into life, nor ſuffer others. They told the people *old Wives Fables*, and told lyes in hypocriſie. They uſed ſleights and cunning craftineſs to deceive. They boated of their *learning*, uſing pro-

Like falſe Teachers in practices. Practice of falſe Teachers.

Col. 2. 2.
23.
2 Tim. 3: 5, 6.
2 Pet. 2. 4.
Mat. 15.
2. & 7. 3.
1 Pet. 1. 18
Luk. 11. 5.

1 Tim. 4.
& 1 Tim. 4. 7.

Eph. 4. 14.

1 Tim. 4.
20.

2 Theff. 2.
 2.
 A&t. 15. 24
 Rev. 2. 10.
 Neh. 6. 14.
 Mat 7. 23.
 Deut. 13.
 1, 2.
 A&t. 17. 7.
 & 24. 5. &
 8. 3. & 25.
 7.
 2 Cor. 10.
 10.
 A&t. 24. 5.
 Joh. 8. 39.
 Mat. 3. 9.
 2 Cor. 11.
 13, 22.
 Rom. 16. 8

prophane, and vain-babbling,
 and oppositions of Sciences,
 as they termed it. They pre-
 tended *Revelations, Apostoli-
 cal Traditions*, and alleadged
 counterfeit writings. They
 had the *Prophetical women*,
 and deceiving Prophetesses.
 They had their *Miracle-wor-
 kers*, Casters out of Devils,
 and Dreamers of Dreames.
 They would *slander* mens
 persons, and the Doctrine of
 faithful Teachers, and lay to
 their charge what they could
 not prove, speaking of them
 contemptuously, and railing
 on them. They boasted to be
 the *true Church*, and that by
Succession they were of the
 Fathers. They would use *fair*
 and *smoothing words*, and
 teach with inticing words,
 and did strive for excellency
 of

of speech of mans wisdom
to deceive. When they
could not prevaile by faire
meanes then they would
suborne false witnesses; they
threatned, beat, *imprisoned*,
banished, and *slew* the faithful
Teachers and Christian Be-
leevers. They would *plot*
conspiracies to the shedding
of blood, and the Priests must
be acquainted herewith be-
fore hand to incourage them
hereto. They would make
open *insurrections*, and stirre
up great personages to take
part with them. And what re-
bellion, treasons, conspiracies,
insurrections, & persecutions
this *Papistry* hath wrought,
my Lord Bishop of *Chiche-*
ster, hath openly discovered
to the world in his book of
Thanksgiving for our delive-
rance

1 Cor. 2. 1.
A. 4. 18.
& 22. 1. &
6. 14. &
26. 10, 11.
& 30. 50.
& 22.
Rev. 2.

A. 23. 14

A. 13.
50.

Popiſh
Traytors,
Priests, &
Ieſuits.
Popiſh
Traytors,
Laicks.

rance from all theſe Traytors
*Morton, Sands, Parſons, Cam-
pian, Ballard, Watſon, Clerk,
Garnet*, Priests and Jeſuits;
*Stukely, Somervile, Throgmor-
ton, Parry, Babington*, and his
Company; *Lopus, Tyrone,
Markham, Brook*, with others,
Piercy, Catesby, and all the
Gun-powder Plotters, *Laicks*.
And this (my Lord) is not
what I could, but what I
thought ſufficient to teſtifie
at this time, becauſe I would
not bee tedious.

Mr. *Verity*, by this you have
uttered, it is eaſie to ſee how
this man hath followed, both
the falſe teachers in Doctrine,
and the enemies of the Go-
ſpel in their practices. If there
bee any more witneſſes, let
them come forth.

Yes my Lord, here is Sir
Christianity. Sir

Sir *Christianity*, what is it that you have to say against this Prisoner at the Bar?

My Lord, I was commanded to be here to day to give evidence what I know against this man, and this I am willing to do for the service of my Sovereign. This it is (my Lord) which I have to say, that this man with his Associates, hath in stead of Christian Religion, set up a service of Judaisme and Paganisme, which I am able to prove in a multitude of particulars; but because I am loath to bee tedious in my relation, I have brought here with mee *Three books*, that the Jury may judge of all the particulars, or they may be read before the Prisoner, if your Lordship shal be pleased to have it also;

M

What

Sir Christianity
his evidence
against Pa-
pistry.

How Pa-
pists are
like the
Gentiles.
See Mat.
Hec on
Re. 11. 2.
from pag.
419. to
453.

What books Sir *Christianity*?

3 Books.
1 Three
Confor-
mities.
2 De Ori-
gine Papa-
tus.

3 Key-
nolds,
& Hart.

My Lord, one is that, that is called *The three Conformities* set out lately. The other is, *De Origine Papatus*, set out by one Doctor *Morison*, and dedicated to his late Majesty: and our third is, our learned Country-man Doctor *Raynolds* his *Conference with Hart*, never answered of any *Papist* to this day, who sheweth how the Popish service is like unto the Jewish in very many particulars, and wherein they bee more *Heathenish*, than Jewish.

I am content to have them read to spare your speech touching the Jewish service.

So having been read, the Judge yet wished Sir *Christianity* to declare openly how *Pagan-*

Pagan-like Papists be, and as the Heathenish Idolaters in *Israel* and *Judah* were, and onely out of the undoubted testimonies of Scripture, and the Apocrypha books, because these learned Authors had omitted it.

My Lord, I shall (saith Sir *Christianity*) performe this task with as great brevity as I may; that this Prisoner (if it bee possible) may see how wickedly hee hath dealt with mens soules, to set up instead of Gods Service, an Idolatrous, and Pagan-like Worship.

These Pagans set forth *God like a man*. The Idolatrous Israelites had a *Queen of Heaven*; they had *Images* of gold, and silver, brass, iron, wood, and stone, and some

Papists
like Pa-
gans in
many
things.

Rom. 7. 12.

Ier. 7. 13.

Din 9. 4.

Isa. 41. 7. &

44. 10.

Ier. 12. 4.

Bar. 6. 4, 5.

Deut. 7. 5.

& 11. 3.

2 King. 17

14.

2 Chron.

3. 7, 9. &

34. 4.

Judg 18.

18.

Ezek. 22.

14, 15, 16,

& 8. 10.

Numb. 33.

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Adorned

Images.

Musick.

Dancing.

of clay; some molten, some carved and graven, some portrayed upon walls, and other *Pictures*, some were like men, *Lam.* 3. 1. *1 Sam.* 5. 3, 4. and some like women, *Act.* 19. 27. *2 Maccab.* 1. 13. *1 Sam.* 31. 10. some like beasts (like *S. George* and the Dragon) *Exod.* 34. *Wisdom* 11. 15. They adorned them with silver & gold, *Fer.* 10. 4. and set Crowns upon some of their heads, covering them with costly garments, and of divers colours, *Deut.* 7. 25. *Heb.* 2. 19. *Baruc.* 6. 8, 9, 14, 15, 29, 39, 50, 55, 58. *Ezek.* 16. 18. *Wisd.* 13. 14. carrying a Scepter in the hand, or a dagger, or an axe, *Baruc.* 6. 14, 15. They set them up with great devotion and solemnity, with *musick* and melody, *Dan.* 3. 3. with *singing, dancing, & other delights,*

delights, *Exod.* 32. 5. They built *Temples* for these Images, *Joel* 3. 5. *2 Maccab.* 1. 13. 15. *Baruch* 6. 18. which were the houses of their gods, *Judg.* 17. 4. *1 Sam.* 5. 2. and called them Sanctuaries, *Isa.* 16. 12. They had Chappels for them, *Amos* 7. 12. Yea, they set them upon tops of hills, *1 Kin.* 14. 23. *2 King.* 17. 10. They had them in private houses, *Judges* 17. 4. 18. in chambers, *Ezek.* 8. 12. and in secret places, *Deut.* 17. 15. they had their pleasant Groves planted, *Fer.* 17. 2. *1 King.* 14. 23. and there also had their Images, *1 King.* 15. 13. *2 Chr.* 15. 16. *2 King.* 17. 10. They had their *standing Pillars* and Images, as the Papists their Crosses, *Deut.* 12. 3. & 16. 22. *2 Kin.* 17. 10. *Lev.* 16. 1. These

Temples.

Chappels.

Images in
every place

Groves.

Standing
Pillars as
Crosses be

Ignorant
allured to
Idolatriy.

Doted on
Images.

Prayed to
them.

Kiſſed
them.
Candles
ſet up be-
fore them.
Vows, Pil-
grimage.

were in the head of *Hig-
wayes*, and *Streets* of Cities,
Ezek. 16. 31. Jer. 11. 13. The
multitude were allured by
the gorgeous decking of
them, *Wisd. 14. 20. & 15. 5, 6.*
Yea, they doted upon them,
Ezek. 8. 10, 11. They *worship-
ped* them, *bowed* unto them,
and *fell down* before them,
Dan. 3. 2. Isa. 44. 7. Joſ. 23. 6.
They would lift up their eyes
unto them, *Ezek. 33. 25.* Pray
unto them, *1 King. 18. 26.*
Hab. 2. 16. Isa. 44. 17. Kiſſ
them, *Hos. 13. 2. 2 Kin. 19. 8.* ſet
up *Candles* before them, *Bar-
nuch 6. 19.* Make *vows* to them
Bar. 6. 35. and go on *Pilgrim-
age* to ſome of them very far,
Ier. 51. 44. expecting ſome *mi-
raculous cure* from the Image,
Barnuch 6. 41. In entring into
their Temples they ſprinkled
them-

themselves with water. Altars they had of stone, *Isa. 65. 3.* they used vain repetitions in their prayers, *Matth. 6. 7.* They measured their Religion, and goodnes thereof by plenty, *Fer. 44. 7.* They had their sacrificing Priests, *Act. 14. 13.* and they were shaven Priests, *Baruch 6. 31, 32.* Sometimes they were of the basest of the people, *1 King. 12. 31.* who so ever would, might for money, or for money-worth, make himself a Priest, *1 King. 12. 31. 2 Chron. 13. 9.* And some served for base wages, *Judge. 17.* They had their Concubines, *Baruch 6. 11. Hos. 4. 14.* Some of them would wear hair cloaths and torment themselves, *1 King. 18. 26. 28 Zach. 13. 4.* and of a Devotion in a Will-worship macerate

Altars. Set
numbers
of Prayers

Sacrifi-
cing
Priests
Shaven.

Priests
Concu-
bines.

Wearing
of hair-
cloth,

Will-
worship.

Taught
for hire.

Variety of
Musick.
Holidays

Nuns or
holy wo-
men.

Several
Protectors
for Coun-
tries.

Swear by
them.

their bodies, punishing and not sparing their bodies, *Col. 2.23.* Their Teachers taught for hire, *Mich. 3.11. 2 Pet. 2. 13, 15. Rev. 2. Tit. 1.11.* For gifts, they would promise life and peace, *Eze. 13.22. Jer. 23. 14, 17.* In their service they had variety of Musick, *Dan. 3.* Their set holy daies, *Exo. 32. 2 King. 13.* They had their holy women attending the Idol-service, *Ezek. 8. v. 14.* working for them, *13. 18. 2 Kin. 23.7.* and prophecying lyes, *Ezek. 13. 22.* and were great Worshippers of the Queen of heaven, *Jer. 7.18.* & 44.19. They had also their several gods for their several Countries, as Papists have their Saints, *2 King. 17.29. & 18.34* They would pray to these and swear by them. *Jer.*

5.7. & 12. 16. Gen. 31. 53.
 1 King. 19. 2. 2 King. 17. 35.
 Zep. 1. 5. Some in *Israel* which
 fell to Heathenish Idolatry
 were like Church-Papists; for
 they would worship Idols, and
 yet go to Gods house & hear
 his Prophets, Jer. 7. 8, 10.
 2 King. 17. 14. Ezek. 14. 3, 7.
 & 20. 1, 31. & 23. 29. When
 Idolatry was cast out of the
 Church (as we have done the
 Idolatry of *Rome*) the Idola-
 ters would condemne it as an
 ill act in them, and speak a-
 gainst the serving of God
 aright, as Papists do against
 us, 2 King. 18. 22. They wor-
 shipped towards the East,
 Eze. 8. 16. They were very su-
 perstitious, Act. 19. They lived
 in very gross ignorance of the
 truth, and in liberty of sin-
 ning, Isa. 44. 18, 19. & 45. 20.

Some like
 to our
 Church
 Papists.

They did
 speak
 against
 serving of
 God after
 his word.

Worship-
 ped God
 to the East

Superstiti-
 ous.

Ignorance

How they
spent their
holy daies.

Revellings

Stews.

Conjurers

Ex. 7. 11.

Ma. 9. 13.

Lev. 19. 37

Ier. 27. 9.

Dan. 1. 4.

Dan. 18.

10 & 11.

14.

Mr. 6. 2.

Dan. 2. 8.

Isa. 47. 13.

Act. 9. 17

& 19. 19.

Eph. 4. 18. 19. Wis. 14. 15, 16, 17. They worshipped they knew not what, John 4. 22. Their *Festivals* after their Idol-service they spent in eating, drinking, singing, dancing, Exod. 32. 6, 18, 19. They had their revellings and meetings, full of excess, and riot, 1 Pet. 4. 3. And would wonder at, and speak ill of such as would not be like them. They had *Brothel houses*, Ezek. 16. 24. 2 King. 23. 7. 1 Kin. 15. 12, 13. & 14. 24. & 22, 26. They had amongst them *Conjurers*, *Wizards*, *Charmers*, *Observers* of times, *South-sayers*, *Astrologers*, *Star-gazers*, and such like. To these the people resorted and consulted with, 2 King. 21. 6. 1 Sam. 5. 2. 1 Chron. 10. 13. Hest. 3. 7. & 9. 24. Deu. 18. 14. Isa. 19. 3. & 47. 12.

12, 13. *Hos* 4. 12. *Ezek* 21. 21.
Fer 8. 17. *Act* 8. 10. they sac-
 rificed to Nets, and burnt
 incense to Drags, *Hab* 1. 16.
 They beleaved that some of
 their *Images* were approved
 of their great God *from hea-*
ven, *Act* 15. 35. They were
 cruel and bloodily minded
 against all that were against
 their Idolatry, *Hos* 10. 14. &
 13. 16. *2 Kin* 21. 15, 16. *Judg*.
 6. 30. *2 Chro* 24. 18, 21. The
 Idolaters in *Israel* and *Judah*
 brought in the Heathen, as
 Gods plague upon them, to
 punish them for their Idola-
 try, *2 Chr* 24. 23. & 21. 16, 17
 & 33. 11. & 30. 6, 10, 17. *1 Kin*
 17. 18. as the Papists have
 brought the *Turks* upon the
 Christian world by their Ima-
 gery and Idolatry, *Rev* 9.
 They were stupid, and wis-
 out

They were
 bloodily
 minded.

Pap'stry
 the cause
 of *Turks*
 prevailing

Sottish in
their Idol-
larry, and
obstinate.

out understanding in their Idol-making, and in setting them up to worship them, *Isa.* 44. 14, 20. and so continued therein obstinate as the Papists do. And thus have I shewed what I can say (my Lord) touching the Heathenish Idolaters, and their practises.

Your evidence is so clear (*Sir Christianity*) as hereby all may see how Pagan-like Papists bee in their Imagery, Priests and Temples. Is there any further Evidence?

Mr. At-
turney
General,
his evi-
dence a-
gainst Pa-
pistry.
Papists are
guilty of
Treason.

Then stands up *M. Attorney General*; and did prove him to be guilty of high Treason both against the person and the laws of his Sovereigne. My Lord (saith he) this fellow under pretence of Religion (for all must be covered with his

his shadow) hath set up another spiritual *Head* over the Church, besides Christ (even Antichrist his greatest enemy) as is sufficiently proved. He hath set up also *Mediators of Intercession* besides Christ; also in his rebellious pride of heart hee hath exalted *Mans Merit*, and made him a party Saviour of himself, by satisfactory punishments, either here, or in their feigned Purgatory. Thus is he a Rebel, and an Abettor of Rebels against Christ.

Again, the Law of Christ (the holy Scriptures) he hath notoriously corrupted, and abused many waies. 1. He maketh it *no perfect rule*. 2. Hee teacheth blasphemously that the *Original is corrupt*, and so shaketh the faith of all such as rest

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11 wayes.

rest on the Scriptures. 3. Hee hath added to them mans writings called *Apocrypha*, to make them *Canonical*. 4. Hee hath feigned a *Traditional word*, and equalleth the same with the Scriptures. 5. Hee debarred for a long time the *translating* of Gods Word into a known tongue, to keep the people from the understanding thereof. 6. Being enforced at length to translate it hee hath of purpose done it *corruptly*, & with many *unconth* and *obscure* words, hath hidden the truth still, to keep the people in blindness. 7. Yet this their so corrupt, and obscure Translation is not admitted *indifferently to all*, but to some, and to these under licence, for which they pay money. 8. These parties, though they

they may read the Scriptures, yet must it be with the *Popes Spectacles*, and may not see farther than the false Teacher pleaseth, nor conceive otherwise of the sense than he suggesteth, though the Text be never so cleare of it selfe.

9 They blasphemously publish that the Scriptures are a *Nose of waxe*, a *dead Letter*, *sowterly Inke*, *dumbe Fudges*, and a *black Gospel*, *Inky Divinity*, and may have one sense one time, and another at another time, according to the Churches state & condition.

10 They set up a *corrupt Latin Translation*, for as authentical as the Originals in the Hebrew and the Greek. 11 And lastly, they brought into the Church instead of the holy Bible, a *Book of Lyes* to bee read

Can'anns
in his Bpi.
Leg. Boke

read. Thus is the wicked wretch guilty of High-treason against our Sovereigne.

Counter-
feit Sacra-
ments.

Besides that, he hath counterfeited his Majesties broad Seal, inventing *New Sacraments*, never of Christs institution, and hath conspired and plotted the death of an innumerable multitude of his Majesties Subjects in a most cruel and bloody manner, my Lord, he is no way longer to be indured; for we shall never be at peace as long as hee may have liberty to live, for hee is a rank Traytor to our King and State, and underminer of Religion, and the true Church of Christ, and an enemy to our peace and welfare in the Commonwealth.

Papistry
not to be
tollerated.

Gentlemen (saith the Judge)
you of the Jury have heard
Master

Master *Attorneys* witness, also what both Master *Verity*, and Sir *Christianity* have spoken against him: Now that you have heard the evidence so fully, what say you touching the prisoner, Is he guilty or no?

Then the Fore-man, in the name of all the rest, answereth, Guilty my Lord.

Whereupon the Judge turneth to the Prisoner, & saith, *Papistry*, thou hearest what grievous iniquities, foul, and filthy abominations, murders and massacres have been laid to thy charge; thou hast heard the *Verdict* of these so learned and well approved Gentlemen, chosen without all partiality to go upon thee. And they in their judgement, upon their consciences, have found

Papistries
appeal

found thee guilty, what canst thou say for thy self, that sentence of death should not be pronounced against thee?

My Lord, the *Fury* assuredly is corrupted by some means or other, else would they never have found mee guilty: for our learned men have cited many of these in my behalf, and therefore I appeal from them to a *General Council*, for the trial of their honesty in this *Verdict*.

Upon this lewd surmise and brazen-faced accusation, all the *Fury* fell a murmuring, being much grieved to bee taxed of faithlesness and perjury. The worshipful Gentlemen the *Justices* and Master *Sheriffe* began to speak in their behalf, but the *Judge* standing up, stayed them and
made

made answer for them.

Papistry, to bee brief with thee, thou art shamelesly impudent to accuse these worthy Gentlemen, for justly proceeding according to the clear Evidence to thy face. For thy learned men, they have onely cited the names of some of these, but without their knowledge or consent. Yea, many testimonies they bring under their names, which indeed are proved to be counterfeits, abusing their unadvised *Readers* in their unjust defence of thee. As for thy appeal to a *General Council*, it is but to set a good face upon an ill cause; for thou knowest that wee have long desired a *Free General Council*; but not a gathering together like the lewd *Conventicle* of *Trent*.

The answer to
Papistries
appeal.

But

But art thou not ashamed to conceit the bringing of these mens verdict to the triall? we must by them be tried, & not they by us. By what canst thou try the *Principles of Religion*? Wilt thou deny them? Must *Fathers, Councils, Scriptures*, and all be brought under our judgements? Thou hadst no cause to tax the Jury, if any had been in fault, it should have been the witnesses, but canst thou tax *Verity* of lying, or *Christianity* of falshood? As for Mr. *Attorney*, his speech is no more than your own words, writings, and practice do testifie.

Hear therefore thy Sentence, justly deserved before God and men.

Papistry, thou hast been indicted by the name of *Papistry*, of all

A picture
of Papi-
stry.

all these former treasons, rebellions, conspiracies, gunpowder plots, murders, massacres, falshood, heresies, Judaisme and Paganisme, and of that thy detestable Idolatry, and for the same hast been arraigned, thou hast pleaded not guilty, hast put thy selfe upon the trial, & being found guilty, having no more to say for thy self, this is the Law.

That thou the *Master of Iniquity*, with the old *Serpent* called the *Devil*, or *Satan*, thy father, with thy lewd mother that great *Whore*, drunk with the blood of the *Martyrs* of *Jesus*, which sitteth upon a scarlet coloured beast, as also with that false *Prophet*, the *son of perdition*, thy guide and governour, shall be cast alive where the *Dragon* is, into the *Lake*

Papistry
condem-
ned to the
pit of hell.
2 Thes. 2. 7
Rev. 12. 9.
& 17. 3, 9.
& 19. 4. &
19, 20.

REV. 14.
10, 11.

Lake of fire, burning with brimstone, there to bee tormented with all the marked ones in the presence of the holy *Angels*, and in the presence of the *Lamb*, without rest day and night, the smoke of which torment shall ascend up for ever and for ever, without mercy or hope of redemption.

The Court
breaketh
up.


After this sentence, there is made an *O yes*, and so the *Court* breaketh up, the *Judge* ariseth, the *Justices* and *Gentlemen* attended him, the *Sheriffe*, with the *Under Sheriffe* and his servants go before with the sounding of a *Trumper*, and so do conduct him to his *lodging*, and there do leave him with rest and peace.

Laus Deo.



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13 That Covetousness is not
honest thrift, as is clear by
proof, and the evident signes of
Covetousness : Set out by witnes-
ses, Mr. Proof, and Mr.
Signes, p. 202, to 228

14 That Papistry is Idola-
try,

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try, a patchery of Heresie, Fandaisme, and Paganisme: Set out in the arraignment thereof,

p. 228. to 231

15 That there are twelve wayes to confute Papistry; Set out by the impanelled Jury against it,

p. 231. to 234

16 That verity it self, and true Christianity are against Popery: Set out by the two produced witnesses, discovering the falshood, impiety, cruelty, treasonable praetices, and the abominable Idolatry thereof,

p. 234 to 262

These things are the substance of all this Book, couched within the allegoricall narrations, which is no dreaming dorage, no fantastick toy, no ridiculous conception, no old wives tale told;

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An answer
to such as
censure
this Book

some have an humour to delight in finding of faults, some are so envious that they cannot look upon any thing which is anothers, but they must needs disgrace it: Perhaps Some kicking Jade in reading is galled, and therefore doth winn. Some are so rigidly grave, that forsooth, it is amiss to read that wherein they may have occasion offered any way to laugh or smile; when they may remember that even *Abraham*, the gray headed, old aged, and grave father once laughed; as they themselves will also, whosoever they bee, when the humour takes them.

No want
of matter
for religi-
ous uses.

If any dislike this little book for want of matter, let him be pleased to consider these one and forty particular instructions

ons before set down, with the natural and moral Philosophy comprehended therein how also families may be wel governed and also religiously; how love may bee preserved among Neighbours, what evils are the disturbance thereof, and what be the base conditions of the niggards and pinching worldlings, contrary to such as be of a bountiful and liberal disposition.

Besides all these things, let them be pleased to attend to the scope of the Book, wherein two things are principally aimed at.

I: To discover to us our miserable and wretched estate through corruption of nature. For the laying open hereof, there is a lively description of sin, with the power, nature, fruits,

The scope
of the
Book.

To know
our selves
by nature.

fruits, and effects thereof, how it first came, how entertained, bred and brought up, by whom, and where, with the several kindes of sin, and the differing conditions of sinful men, opposing vertuous courses, and under what colour they so do, to their own ruine at the length.

How to be
reformed.

2 To shew how a man may come to a holy reformation, and so happily recover himself out of his natural wretched estate. To work this, here is delivered how a man is to search out sin, what necessary graces are required thereto, with the helps how to discover sin, and to know sins to be sins; what commonly bee the lets and hindrances, in the discovery and search of our sins; what to do, having found

found out our sins, and how to become humbled thereby, and how to sit down to judge of our selves without all partiality. Moreover here is manifest, what gifts and graces are requisite to an holy life. Lastly, how we may know sin to be subdued, and in whom it is truly overcome.

These things being the true scope and right use of this Book, and the matters therein contained so behoveful and necessary to every true Christian, I hope no sober minded man can, much lesse, will finde fault with it.

If the manner, laying those things down in a continued allegory, bee the offence to some, I do suppose they know, that *Nathan* did teach *David* by an allegory: *Isaiah* and

The manner is allegorical.

2 Sam. 12.
Cant 5.

Ezek. 17. 2
& 19.

and *Ezekiel* taught the *Jews* so too, and that our Saviour spake many Parables to his hearers.

Objection
answered.

If any think it had been fit for a yonger wit, than for one grown old and gray-headed; surely *Nathan*, *Isaiah*, and *Ezekiel* were not young; neither did those formes of speaking derogate any thing from their holy aged gravities. And it may be thus to allegorize upon such a subject matter from all these passages in politick government, required some more experience, than some perhaps conceit, though the thing done to their hand may seem now most easie.

But the fault, if a fault, peradventure, is not simply imputed for making an allegory; but in following it so large-

largely, and for surfeiting (as it were interlude-wise) some things for the weightiness of the matter therein contained, not seeming grave enough, as the Parables of Christ, and his Prophets were. For sin and sinfull courses of men should be so deciphered, as the Readers might rather be moved to lament, then occasioned to laugh.

First, for the largeness, it is no more then the necessity of the intended discourse required, as the scope before mentioned, may sufficiently witness. The Parables of our Saviour in *St. Luke*, and of *Ezekiel*, were large, and they were prosecuted according to the nature of those things from whence they were taken, to lay open fully thereby what

Luke 19.
& 16.
Ezek. 17.
& 19.

what they intended, and this is but so, and no more.

I confess the matter of this allegorical discourse to bee such (as may appeare by the manifold lessons before laid down, being the summary Contents of the Book) as ought to work in every Christian Reader sorrow of heart in the deep consideration of his miseries, till he be recovered out of his wretched estate; and withall to cause a diligent endeavour in sober sadness to better his condition of living Christian-like before God; neither of which is prevented by the manner of handling, if all would do, as some have done, first to read it after the letter, and then attend piously to the spiritual sense, they would

would attain to that , which in so penning it, I aimed at. I knew the natures of men in the world : I perswaded my selfe that the allegory would draw many to read , which might bee as a bait to catch them, perhaps, at unawares, and to move them to fall into a meditation at the length of the spiritual use thereof; which I well hoped that others more religiously bent, would at the first discern and make benefit of.

If two or three passages carry not that gravity in shew, as some, perhaps, could wish they did : Let these consider therein in those places the enforced nature of the allegory. Then how that elsewhere in all the rest of the Book the carriage of the matter is very
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far from the nature of so odious and so base a comparison, if it be in the hand of a piously affected and well-minded Reader. Lastly, That even those few passages are sharp reproofs ; and are no more an occasion to guilty parties, with the conceit thereof to make themselves merry then that great Prophet *Eliab* his mocking (in a matter none more weighty) was to the Priests of *Baal*, when yet, perhaps, some of the wiser sort abhorring *Baal*, might smile secretly thereat.

There is a kinde of smiling and joyful laughter , for any thing I know , which may stand with sober gravity, and with the best mans piety, justly occasioned from the right apprehension of things , else
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had not *Abraham* fallen into it, nor holy *Job*, nor the righteous in seeing (which is strange) matter of fear. Well, I have cloathed this Book as it is : It may be some humour took mee, as once it did old *Jacob*, who apparelled *Joseph* differently from all the rest of his brethren in a party coloured coat. It may also bee that I took (as *Jacob* did in his *Joseph*) more delight in this lad, than in twenty other of his Brethren born before him, or in a younger *Benjamin* brought forth soon after him.

When I thus did apparel him, I intended to send him forth to his brethren, hoping hereby to procure him the more acceptance, where hee happily should come : and
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Gen. 17.

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Job 29. 24.

Psal. 52. 6.

my expectation hath not failed; deceived altogether I am not, as was *Jacob* in sending his *Joseph* among his envious brethren. For not onely hundreds, but some thousands have welcomed him to their houses. They say they like his countenance, his habit and manner of speaking well enough, though other too nice bee not so well pleased therewith.

But who can please all? or how can any one so write or speak, as to content every man? If any mistake me, and abuse him in their too carnal apprehension, without the truly intended spiritual use, let them blame themselves, and neither mee nor him: For the fault is their own, which I wish them to amend.

You

You that like him, I pray
you still accept of him for
whose sake, to further your
spiritual meditation, I have
sent him out with these *Con-*
sents, and more marginal
notes.

His habit is no whit alte-
red which hee is constrained
by me to wear, not onely on
workingdayes, but even upon
holidayes and Sundayes too;
if he go abroad. A fitter gar-
ment I have not now for him;
and if I should send out the
poor Lad naked, I know it
would not please you.

This his coat, though not
altered in the fashion, yet is it
made somewhat longer. For
though from his first birth in-
to the world it bee near a
year, yet he is grown a little
bigger; but I thinke him

to

to become to his full stature;
so hee will bee, but as a little
pigmy to bee carried abroad
in any mans pocket.

I pray you now this *thirteenth*
time accept him, and use him,
as I have intended him for
you, and you shall reap the
fruit; though I forbid you
not to bee Christianly merry
with him. So fare you well
in all friendly well-wishes,

R. B.

May 28. 1627.

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